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OVER AT DECARO BROTHERS NURSERY & GARDEN CENTER on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Bill Raymond has plenty of freshly cut Christmas trees now on sale. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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DPW Advises Residents About New Winter Parking Rules

The Agawam Department of Public Works wishes to advise residents that the ordinances regulating on-street winter parking have been changed.

The prohibition against parking on the odd numbered side of the street from November 15th to April 15th has been eliminated.

The Department of Public Works has now been empowered to declare limited on-street parking bans for the purpose of snow and ice removal and to remove any vehicles parked on streets in violation of these bans. Any person whose vehicle is removed is responsible for the cost of towing and storage and is subject to an additional fine in the amount of \$25.

It is the intent of the Department of Public Works to declare bans against any street parking whenever a snow storm of plowable magnitude is forecast. Residents should tune to local radio and television stations for announcements of bans.

In order for the Department to efficiently and effectively clear snow, it is important that no vehicles be parked on the streets. Parked vehicles result in ridges of snow and ice that reduces the traveled width of the roadway and endangers the public. Costly repaving is required to clear the residue. Residents should be forewarned that the Department will remove vehicles violating any parking ban.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., Agawam, THURSDAY, DEC. 20, 1990 at 6:45 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of CITY OF SPRINGFIELD which is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 20-51, Paragraph C of the Zoning Ordinances, to allow for the construction of a temporary steel structure for the Wastewater Treatment Plant on the premises known as BONDY'S ISLAND, ROUTE 5.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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Ennis Blasts Bitzas For Conduct; Says Censure Attempt "Old Style Politics"

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

As the Town Council convened Monday, the "New Business" portion of the agenda became an indicator of just where the battle lines were to be drawn on issues not of government but of personal conduct.

The first salvo was launched with Councilor Vivian Dziardziel's proposed resolution for censure of Councilor Thomas Ennis for "conduct unbecoming a Town Councilor" that resulted from his use of profanity at the unweildy November 19th session. Ennis has adamantly refused to apologize for his words directed at Councilor George Bitzas.

A counter-move to censure Councilors Bitzas, Jessie D. Fuller and Joanne Willis for walking out of that same meeting was voluntarily withdrawn from the agenda [on the basis that the walk-out was not a personal issue but one of professional concern over a vote on what the trio called "an illegal motion" concerning a bulk trash pick-up].

The dispute over the use of profanity by Ennis arose from a muttering to Bitzas during a heated debate over the controversial bulk pick-up proposal.

"I became upset that Bitzas was attempting to run the meeting from his seat, constantly telling President (Richard) Brindle who should have the floor, and waving to get Brindle's attention," Ennis said.

Ennis echoed the Bitzas claim that there is a "lack of respect for the council chairman" and believes that this is a major problem facing the council as a whole.

"But I believe that if Bitzas showed respect for the chairman and let Brindle run the meeting, we would have less off-mike comments and less friction on the floor," Ennis continued.

Both councilors believe they are in the right, but Ennis expands his perspective to say "if anything is to be achieved then the constant chattering carried on by Bitzas must stop."

"This can simply be achieved; President Brindle must exercise his authority. That I swore at Bitzas is merely indicative of the fact that we are all frustrated

at the impasse. Bitzas is not without blame in this whole situation. His interference where it does not belong is causing problems for us all," Ennis continued.

Against a Bitzas claim that councilors "keep changing their votes," Ennis says, "The only time I changed my vote was on the cluster zoning issue when further research indicated that Mayor Christopher Johnson's information was untrue. I am not against everything the Mayor proposes; I am in favor of constructive change in Agawam, but not change according to dictum. I am no rubber stamp (of the Mayor's). I am an independent thinker."

Ennis believes that the "inner circle" of councilors held a majority for the first half of the year and that the shift placing them in a minority is not to their liking.

"It's sad that we cannot all put petty politics aside and work together," Ennis said.

"If Councilor Dziardziel wishes to further embarrass the council by making an issue out of her censure motion, it is indicative of the petty nature of the inner circle and is a regrettable continuance of old style needling politics in Agawam - something the Mayor promised to discontinue. Sadly, it is the same game but different faces," Ennis responded.

Ennis admits relations on the council have been difficult during his first year as a Town Council under a mayoral form of government.

"But I am happy that two major issues which concern me were discussed fully - environment and zoning," Ennis says, citing his work to achieve council approval of a Zoning Review Committee and the passage of a resolution establishing a Solid Waste Management Committee which was "sadly, vetoed for whatever reason by the Mayor."

"I am hopeful that in the future we can work together and achieve positive results, such as passage of the budget; location and purchase of a site for future municipal service expansion (DPW, police and fire); and elderly housing," Ennis says.

CORRECTION: It was incorrectly reported last week that Town Councilors George Bitzas, Jessie D. Fuller, and Joanne Willis walked out of the council's December 3rd meeting because of profanity used at the meeting. In fact, the three left the meeting due to what they perceived as an illegal vote about to be taken by the council authorizing a one-time bulk rubbish collection in the spring of 1991. The three councilors said they took this action based on a five-page letter from Town Solicitor Thomas Locke stating that this was an illegal agenda item. We regret the error.

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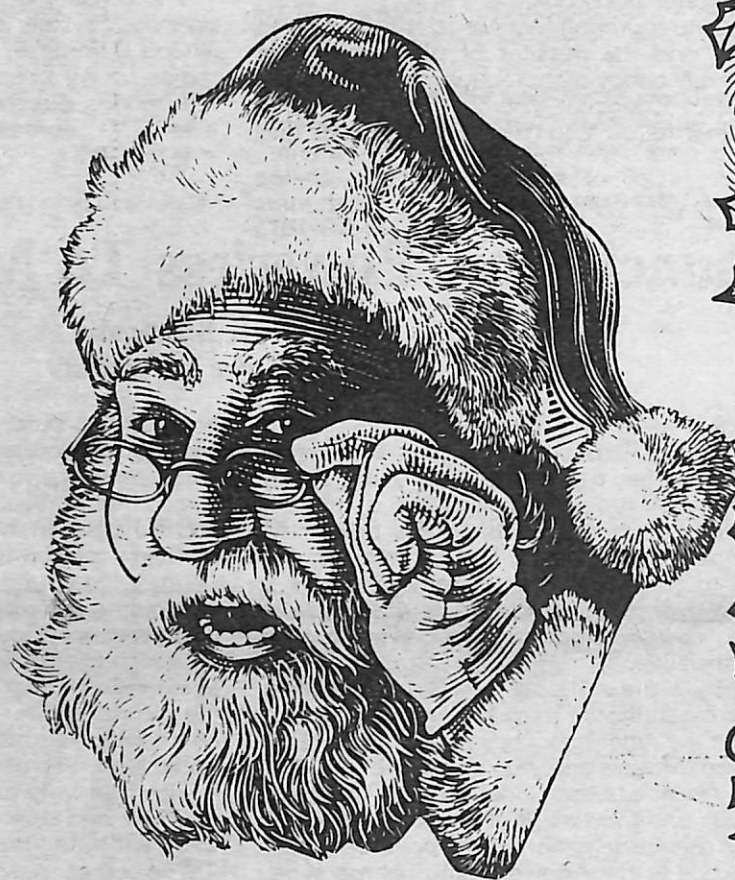
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Editorial

On Local Politics...

Despite Many High Hopes A Year Ago, Council Again A Polarized, Angry Group

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

In reviewing the past year of Town Council sessions, under the guide of change from old-style politics, it is apparent that these changes aren't working.

It's not that the ideas, the enthusiasm, and the energy isn't there; it simply hasn't evolved into a working whole.

Mayor Christopher Johnson sits in Town Hall, a mile away from the chair he once occupied in council chambers, and is evolving into an increasingly seasoned if young administrator via trial by economic and political fire in this town and state.

Johnson's relationship with most of the council, which began as a strong one, has steadily eroded to where now he has difficulty even getting a simple majority for his proposals.

A year ago that thought seemed nearly impossible.

In chambers, the council, who first battled against the "old regime" now battle amongst themselves to the glory and honor of no one.

The decline into bickering factions is escalating into verbal warfare and the missiles of discontent were launched with a Monday night request for the censure [or reprimand] of Councilor Thomas Ennis for using profanity against fellow Councilor George Bitzas during public session.

ing public session.

Council President Richard Brindle has had his hands full keeping control of an occasionally unruly audience and now an even more unruly council. And ironically, the December 17th session will probably be the last full agenda he presides over, since the first January session is traditionally brief and serves only to transact essential matters such as the transition of power: the election of new council president and vice-president.

Whether Brindle decides to seek the chairmanship in 1991 remains to be seen.

Brindle's "get tough" stance that made headlines several months ago was not needed this past Monday night since the presence of television cameras (courtesy of Continental Cablevision) accomplished what has yet to be seen over the past year - some semblance of order, decorum, and propriety in council chambers.

The censure of Ennis (one of two on last Monday's agenda-the other aimed at Councilors Jessie D. Fuller, Vivian Dziardziel, Joanne Willis was dropped) remains up for debate on December 17th; the need for reprimands directed at the audience still stands (not even TV cameras could silence the room full of

perpetually talking, occasionally unruly, heckling listeners).

The TV cameras, however, had an apparently sobering effect on the council, bringing forth diluted comments and queries, and minimal discussions interspersed with congenial claims that everybody apparently likes everybody else, be it in chambers or in Town Hall.

To those who have viewed this ongoing saga live for the past 12 months, Monday's session was disconcerting. Congeniality, assumed or otherwise, is the flip side of the all-out verbal and political warfare that existed only two weeks before.

Sooner or later, though, this board must get back to basics, and those basics include the business of running Agawam, not as a political machine but as a business with a budget that cannot run in deficit.

In order to run for office, they had to be residents first. And they are predominantly homeowners who will also have to live with the results of their actions ...and their inactions.

In November 1989, Agawam voters used the power of the ballot to prove they wanted change, but somehow, it is hard to believe that this is what those voters had in mind.

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By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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Guest Editorial...

Council Now Powerless To Move Forward

by J. Scott Burgess
Agawam Town Councilor

At the present time it is obvious to the council, Mayor, media, and general public that this administration has indeed reached a statemate. It is of major concern because the Mayor has assembled a minority "block" of five councilors who up to this point have never challenged a word that Mayor Johnson has spoken. Add to this a perceived limitless power to VETO by the Mayor and you have the present council and in turn the Town of Agawam held powerless to do anything constructive.

The Mayor, by virtue of his position (administrative), does not have the authority to make laws in Agawam. The council, on the other hand, has the authority but is stymied by the Mayor and his collective "block." Movement on the side of the "independent" group has been slight, but any movement at all is preferable to the stationery stance of what now appears to be a minority blockade to the Agawam political machine.

The form of government in Agawam was changed; the faces of many of the councilors changed; but unfortunately it does not appear to have changed the politics of this town. This does not mean that we were wrong to make these changes. It just shows that more change is necessary. The youthful Mayor Johnson will long be remembered as the Mayor who turned off our street lights, discontinued our bulk trash service (then asked for a fee to reinstitute it), tried on more than one

occasion to purchase land costly to the town, and seemed to continually mishandle situations with town employees; not to mention the tantrums that followed any political misadventure.

Of the seven new faces on the council, four are members of the "block." Councilor Bitzas has continually argued for the "trash fee." Councilor Willis, who stated she was against fees, has also voted for the fee every time. Councilor Dziardziel has fought for proposed charter revision with the particular point of interest being a reduction in the size of the council to a more controllable number. President Brindle has bungled his way through parliamentary procedure but never waivers on his vote with the "block."

The four veteran councilors have records to judge them by and only Councilor Fuller's curious enchantment with the "block" needs special notice.

The other new faces on the council, Councilor Dupee, Councilor Ennis, and myself have shown a more independent nature as evidenced by the splits in such votes as the "land deal," verbatim minutes, and the purchase of a children's playscape.

It is my hope that beginning with any remaining issues confronting the council that we will see a more independent nature from the entire council, not just a select few. If not then it will be up to the townspeople to continue the change even if it is just a few at a time.

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Agawam Junior High

7:00 P.M.

Monday, December 17th

Town Council Meeting

Agawam Public Library

8:00 P.M.

Wednesday, December 19th

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Letters To The Editor

Junior High Parents Thank Individuals For Dance Success

To The Editor:

On behalf of the Agawam Junior High School PTSG, as well as the students who attended the dance on Friday, November 30th, we'd like to thank everyone who made the evening such a success.

We appreciate the help and advice given to us by Mr. O'Keefe and Donna Watson, and the group of teachers who were chaperones at the dance. Our teachers gave generously of their time to help us offer the young people an evening of fun.

Our thanks to DJ's Ken Hill and Bob Stoddard who kept everyone on their feet, dancing the night away.

We especially want to thank Pizza Hut, Friendly Ice Cream Corporation, Movie Mart, and McDonald's for their generous donations of gift certificates to be used as prizes for dance and trivia contests.

Sincerely,
Teri Machia
Kathy Cassanelli
Dance Committee Cochairwomen

Beleaguered Town Council Stands Poised To Self Destruct

To The Editor:

An Open Letter To The Citizens Of Agawam:

A beleaguered Town Council stands poised to self-destruct in a pitched political battle for the heart and soul of the Town of Agawam. A motion to censure has been placed on the Council's agenda to reprimand three councilors who chose to walk out on a vote rather than participate in an illegal measure. We three councilors, George Bitzas, Jessie Fuller, and Joanne Willis, chose to follow the dictates of our own conscience after reviewing a five-page legal opinion rendered by

Town Solicitor Thomas Locke, which was supported by a legal opinion from the Department of Revenue and by case law from the courts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Our decision to excuse ourselves from the vote has historically been a part of the democratic process. A walkout violates no rules, no laws—rather it indicates a real desire to divorce oneself from the most objectionable proceedings. It is done in the Congress of the United States, at the United Nations, and countless other deliberative bodies. This motion to censure is an attempt to construct a smokescreen around the truth. But the truth shall prevail.

Common decency and civility are being thrust aside in favor of the politics of the 70's and 80's in Agawam, where failure to agree on issues was often settled by ousters and lawsuits. We do not share the nostalgia for this divisive political era, and we believe that the citizens of Agawam don't either.

Last year the voters of Agawam elected their first mayor and a new Town Council. The results were a clear departure from the past. They indicated that the people of Agawam wanted a fresh start—a new, open government based on honest proposals designed to insure a better future for our town.

We are betting on the collective wisdom of the people of Agawam. As much as you hate reading about Council infighting, we who are beset by political demagoguery and chicanery deplore it even more. We will continue to remain steadfast in our resolve to fight for good government. We hope that you the people will watch the televised meetings, attend the meetings if you can, and stay informed about the issues. Together, we will achieve a brighter and better Agawam.

Councilor Joanne Willis
Councilor Jessie Fuller
Councilor George Bitzas

Muscular Dystrophy Thanks AAN For Past Support

To The Editor:

It's through the help and cooperation of concerned members of the print media such as yourself that the public receives vital information about the Muscular Dystrophy Association, its programs, and the plight of the million people our Association serves.

That's why it's truly a pleasure to thank you, and your readers, for the outstanding support you've given us this year. This help has enabled us to make some exciting progress in the fight against 40 neuromuscular diseases. MDA-funded scientists have begun human tests of the experimental treatment "myoblast

transfer" for Duchenne muscular dystrophy. This technique involves injecting healthy immature muscle cells into diseased muscle tissue to produce normally-functioning cells. Another group of MDA scientists has identified the location of the defective gene or genes responsible for the childhood forms of spinal muscular atrophy, the leading genetic cause of infant mortality.

Each year brings us closer to our goal of winning the war against neuromuscular disease. With you and your readers behind us, I feel more confident than ever that this war will be won.

Thanks so much for caring!

Sincerely,
Richard Levitan
District Director
Muscular Dystrophy Association

Put Tennis Road Back On Town Council's Agenda

To The Editor:

Dear Mayor Johnson:

Last week some of us voted to defeat the purchase of the Tennis Road property, not because we don't like the idea, but rather so you can put it on the agenda more clearly under a new number.

Eight councilors (Brindle, Fuller, Dupee, Ennis, Burgess, Dziardziel, Willis, and myself) voted the first time to purchase the land with three councilors absent (Caba, Borgatti, Negrucci). That vote turned out to be illegal. Later more confusion was created about the resolution.

I would like to ask you, Mr. Mayor, for a workshop so we can talk about the possibility of purchasing the land for a new DPW, elderly housing, and other possible uses. We would also like to discuss the possible purchase of the Sliech Auto Body for a new DPW or any other land available for this purpose.

I would hope that the full council will be able to attend, for a healthy discussion. Please advise us of a date.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
George Bitzas, Councilor
Agawam Town Council

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Remark By Moreno Called Sexist By Feeding Hills Woman

To The Editor:

I was disturbed, not over the bulk collection issue, but about a remark I read in the November 29th edition of *The Agawam Advertiser* in an editorial written by Valentine Moreno. It read as follows: "It shows (in this case) he (the Mayor) would rather brow beat a woman (Councilor Dupee refused his challenge to debate this issue; the mayor won't debate me on it) and not one of the four male councilors involved."

Is Mr. Moreno being sexist? Is he implying that a woman cannot debate a man and win? Or, is this an excuse to take the pressure off Councilor Dupee? Councilor Dupee had been the spokesperson on the bulk collection issue at the meetings and in the editorials. Why not debate the person who supposedly knows all the answers?

When Councilor Dupee refused to debate the Mayor, why didn't any one of the four other councilors involved volunteer? I must say, this really makes these five councilors look bad; when someone outside the council knows the issue at hand better than they do. Why else would Mr. Moreno volunteer to debate the Mayor and none of these five would? What's going on?

As for the mayor not wanting to debate Mr. Moreno saying, "Mr. Moreno is not a good spokesman for the people." I'm not the one to say if he is or isn't. I'm sure Mr. Moreno is very knowledgeable on this topic and

would speak well in a debate with the Mayor. However, if the people of Agawam wanted Mr. Moreno to speak for them, seems to me he would have been elected to the council when he ran in last year's election.

Laurie Littlefield
Feeding Hills

People Against The Mayor Are Disrupting System

To The Editor:

It seems to me that the people who keep criticizing the mayor for everything he tries to do, are the same people we voted out of office or never voted them in of.

I think it's very sad to see people trying to disrupt the system they no longer can control.

It's obvious that the problem is not with the mayor as much as it is with the Town Council. It was the voters of Agawam who wanted a mayoral government put in place. But as we can see there are some new and old councilors that do not.

I am sure other cities and towns have their town criers, but Agawam sure has its share of criers!!

Edward F. Ghidoni
Feeding Hills

Bonavita Congratulated For Support Of Weld

The fiscal 1990 meeting of the Agawam Republican Committee was held, Saturday, December 1st, at the Oak Ridge Country Club. Vice-Chairwoman Virginia Lake conducted the breakfast meeting.

Attorney Anthony Bonavita, Agawam's coordinator for Governor-elect William Weld, was congratulated on his successful campaign by members present.

A meeting of the committee and precinct captains will be held on January 12th, at 8:30 a.m., at 15E Mansion Woods.

An open invitation is extended to anyone in Agawam who may wish to become an associate member of the Republican Committee.

Further information is available by calling Mrs. Lake at 786-9230 or 786-6954.

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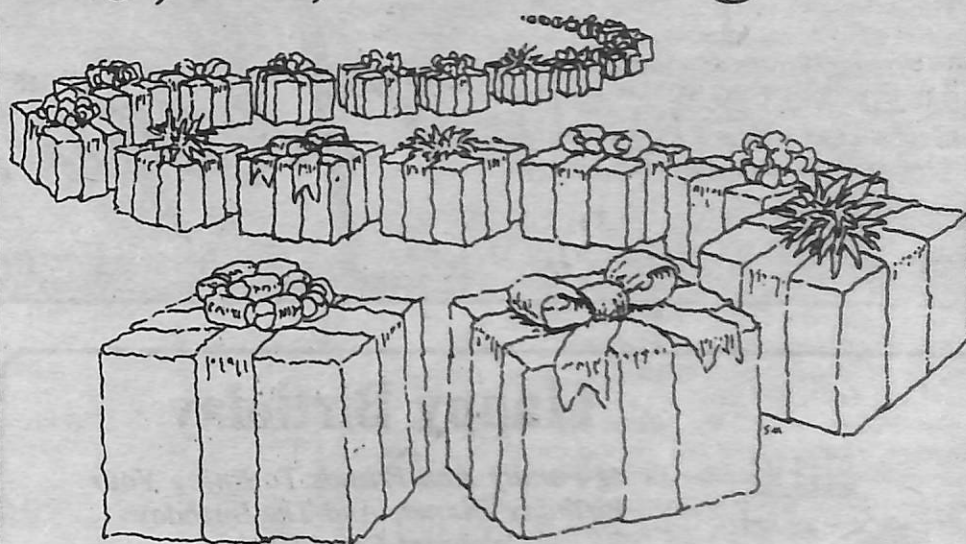
Liquor Commission Plans Special Hearing

The Agawam Liquor Licensing Commission has scheduled a Special Public Hearing on Monday, December 10th, at 7:00 p.m., on a proposal to open Liquor Stores on the two Sundays before Christmas and New Year's Day.

The hearing will be held in the Police Chief's Conference Room, Police Headquarters, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The Sunday openings are allowed under a local option law passed by the State Legislature recently. The Local License Authority must adopt the law before alcohol can be sold on those two days.

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Agawam Crime Prevention... Common Sense A Must During The Holidays

by Officer Wayne Macey
Crime Prevention Bureau

Christmas Day is nearly upon us and in anticipation, retail stores will be flooded with more people and money than at any other time during the year.

Customers will turn out by the thousands armed with cash, checks, and plastic to pay for the millions they will spend collectively on Christmas.

Coming to the stores with money and leaving with arms full of packages will present its share of problems to those who don't exercise care and caution in the midst of the hustle and bustle. Please consider the following when out shopping with a million thoughts rushing through your heads:

If carrying large amounts of cash to pay for purchases, keep the money on your person, or at least close to you where you can keep proper track of it. Pocketbooks are often left unattended and can be easily taken.

Be aware of the people around you and the contact they may be making. Crowds are a perfect place for the would-be thieves to ply their trade.

If using credit cards for your purchases, make sure you dispose of all carbons in such a way that they cannot be picked up and copied.

When standing in check-out lines be aware that people are looking at your cards and may be interested in your number.

If paying by check, don't allow those behind you to see the name, address, and other information on the top of your checks. I was standing at the register in Agawam Food Mart the other day and I noticed a woman paying by check. At the top, I observed her name, address, and phone number. I couldn't help but wonder what misery this would cause this woman in the hands of the wrong person.

If you are making numerous purchases, take the time to put them in your trunk between visits to the stores. The more you are carrying, the better your chances of being ripped off as you shop. Make sure all packages are locked in your trunk. Never leave them unattended on the seats of the car, whether locked or not.

In going from store to car and from car to home, be aware of where you are and who is around you. Have keys ready to make entry into your car and home as quick as possible.

Once you are home, try to keep gifts spread out and locked up. Christmas is also peak time for housebreaks and the perfect time for the burglar to find all his pickings under one tree.

This brings us to the final safety tip. It is always advisable to **lock your home** when leaving for shopping, but be especially aware of this fact at Christmas.

If we maintain good, common sense practices during Christmas, we will not be relieved of the most important of our holiday possessions, the spirit and love we feel for each other.

Agawam Police Arrest Blotter For Week-Ending Nov. 29th

On November 29th, **Martin A. Pope, Jr.**, 33 Begley Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officer was Richard Conlon.

On November 29th, **David H. Robertson**, 372 Hayden Street, Blandford, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officer was Richard Conlon.

On November 29th, **Alva Allen III**, 86 Sheri Lane, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Detective Peter Bertera and Detective Stanley Chmielewski, Jr.

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Agawam Obituaries

Joseph B. Hebert



JOSEPH B. HEBERT

Formerly of Agawam, Joseph Bernard Hebert, 64, of 109 Red Rose Court, New Smyrna Beach, Florida, died in Feeding Hills, Friday, November 30th.

Born in Graniteville, Vermont, he had made his home in Agawam for 30 years before moving to Florida in 1984. He has been employed with Northeast Utilities as a field supervisor for 30 years and retired in 1984. Prior to working for Northeast Utilities, he had worked for the Green Mountain Power Company for nine years in Mt. Aelier, Vermont.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy as a Machinist Mate Third Class. He was a member of the VFW Post 3282 in Port Orange, Florida.

He is the son of the late Omer Hebert and Florida (Breton) Hebert.

He is survived by his wife, Janet (Earle) Hebert; four sons, Dennis M. of Holyoke, Steven J. and Joseph E., both of Agawam, and Gregory P. of Ellington, Connecticut; two daughters, Diane M. Reynolds of West Springfield and Laurie A. Dagesse of Springfield; three brothers, Paul of Klamouth Falls, Oregon, Rudy E. of Monson, and Conrad E. of Enfield, Connecticut; one sister, Carmen Boardman of Lakewood, California; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The funeral was at the Colonial Funeral Home, 985 Main Street, Agawam, with a mass of Christian burial in Sacred Heart Church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Pioneer Valley, 570 Cottage Street, Springfield, MA, 01104, or to the charity of one's choice.

Leah LaFleur

Leah (DesLaurier) LaFleur, 92, formerly of 21 Sutton Place, Agawam, a retired waitress for the former Hotel Sheraton in Springfield, died in a local nursing home. She also worked at Zollar Tea Room and Johnson's Bookstore in Springfield.

A lifelong resident of Agawam, she was a communicant of St. Joseph's Church in Springfield.

She leaves two nephews, Robert Pickett of Agawam and Henry A. Pickett of Springfield; four nieces, Ester Buoniconti of Agawam, Beatrice Lanois of West Spr-

ingfield, June Swiatek of Arizona, and Dorothy Hall of California.

The funeral was in the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield. St. Pierre Funeral Home, Springfield Chapels, was in charge.

Maurice P. Disley

Maurice P. "Moe" Disley Jr., 49, of 27 River Street, Agawam, owner and operator of Moe's Family Garage, died Friday, November 30th, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. He previously worked at Rexcel Inc. in Ludlow.

Born in Palmer, he lived in Agawam for many years. He was a graduate of the former Trade High School in Springfield, where he served as class marshal.

He was a member of the Christian Life Center, and was a former commander of the church's Royal Rangers group and coach of its softball team. He was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

He leaves his wife, the former Gail Poirier; two sons, Maurice P. III of Palmer and Christopher J. at home; his mother, Virginia Disley of Palmer; five brothers, John, Michael, and Peter of Palmer, Thomas of Wales, and Frederick of Ware; and a sister, Maurine Fortier of Auburn.

The funeral was in the church, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery. Byron's Allen Street Funeral Home was in charge. Memorial contributions may be made to the Christian Life Center, 1590 Sumner Avenue, Springfield, MA, 01118.

Anello V. Lodi

Anello V. Lodi, 83, of 73 Day Street, Feeding Hills, a retired 33-year quality control inspector for the former Gilbert & Barker Company in West Springfield, died on Wednesday, November 28th, at home.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Feeding Hills from 1963. He was a communicant of Mount Carmel Church, and an Army veteran of World War II.

He leaves his wife of 39 years, Europa (DeMarco) Lodi, and a sister, Ada Mahoney of Agawam.

The funeral was at Tazzini Funeral Home of Springfield, and in the church. Burial was in St. Michael's Cemetery.

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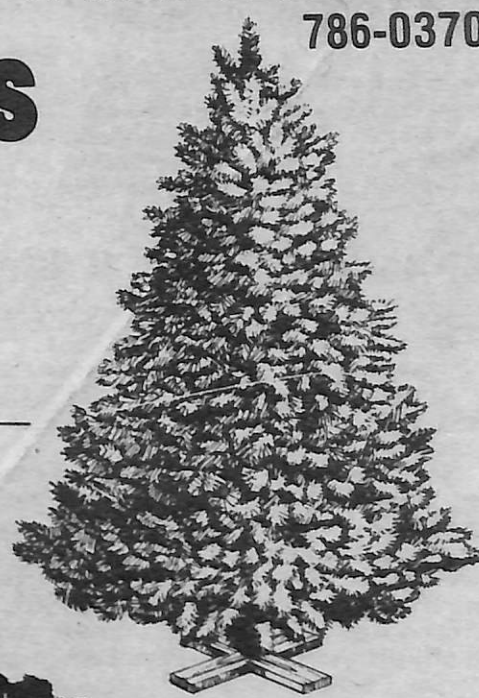
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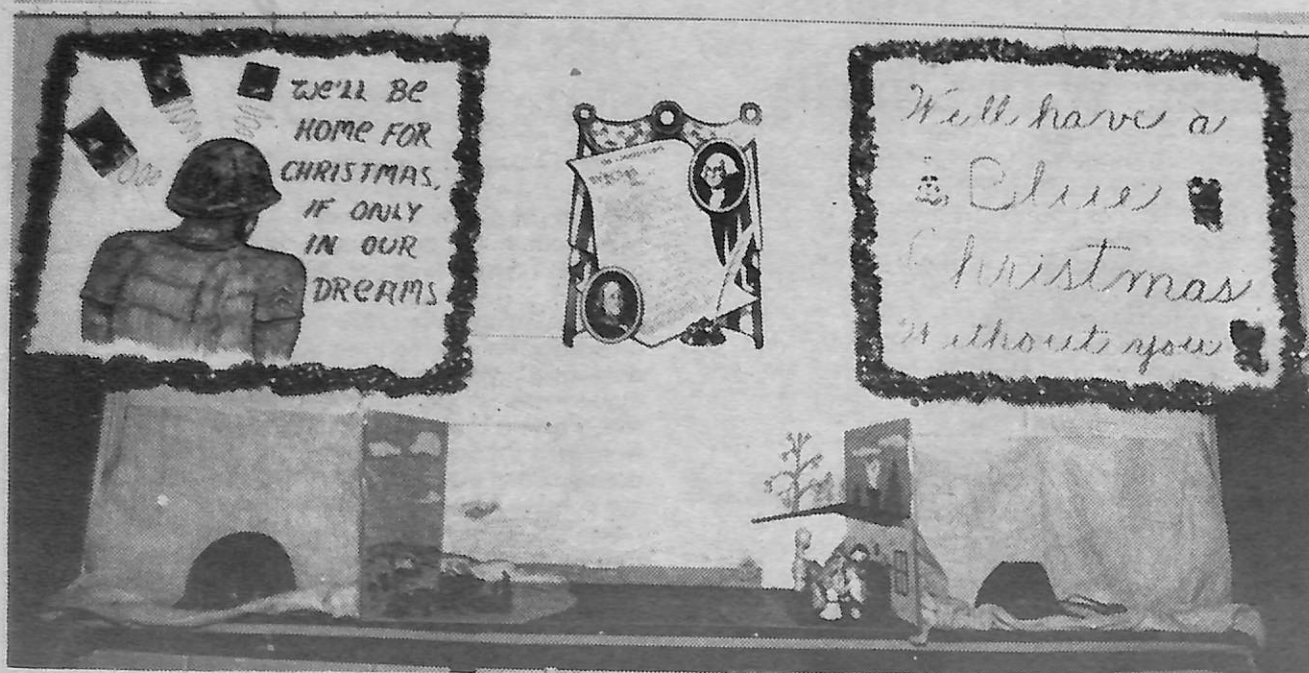


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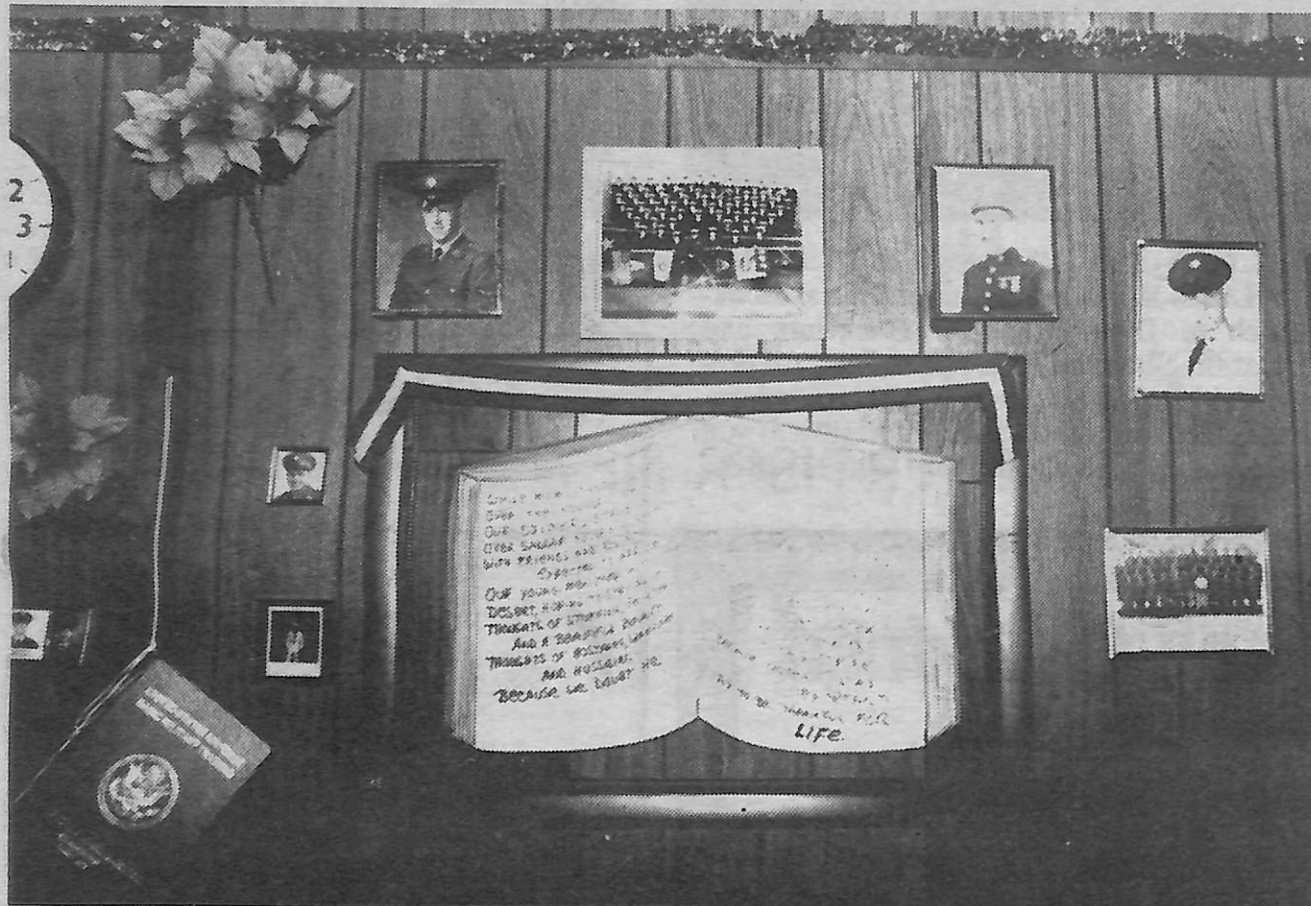
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Remembering Our Soldiers At Christmas



OVER AT BRIDGEPORT NATIONAL BINDERY on 104 Ramah Circle South, Agawam, employee Rita Nicholls decided that this year, along with the traditional Christmas decorations, she would place a tribute to our soldiers now serving in the Persian Gulf up on the walls. Some of the servicemen pictured on the walls are relatives of employees serving in the Gulf. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



IRS Has New Forms For Businesses

It's green and white and simplified all over. It's one of the Internal Revenue Service's latest entries in tax forms, Form 940-EZ, Employer's Annual Federal Unemployment (FUTA) Tax Return. The IRS estimates that about 85 percent of all existing Form 940 filers will be able to use the new form, which made its first appearance in 1989.

In order to use the form, the business must have timely paid unemployment contributions to only one state. The new Form 940-EZ is easily distinguished from its parent form by its green type and streamlined appearance. The two-part format and simplified instructions should save time for small businesses with uncomplicated tax situations and many household employers.

Form 940-EZ, like Form 940, must be filed by January 31st following the close of the calendar year for which the tax is due. The form is included in Publication 393, Federal Employment Tax Forms, as well as Package 942, Household Employer Tax Forms. New employers may order a copy from the IRS by calling toll-free 1-800-829-3676.

Open Pantry Again Serving Xmas Dinner

Open Pantry of Springfield, Inc., a community service agency, which provides shelter, social work advocacy, daily meals and emergency groceries to the poor and homeless, will hold its sixth annual Christmas Day Dinner at the Springfield Civic Center. The dinner will be held on Christmas Day, December 25th, at 12:00 noon.

Anyone who would like to share in this community meal is welcome to attend. There is no admission fee.

Transportation to the Civic Center can be arranged for people unable to get there on their own. If you are unable to leave your home, a delicious chicken dinner can be delivered to you by calling the Open Pantry of Springfield, Inc. (in advance) at 737-5354 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Desserts (pies, cakes, and cookies) and fruit are needed. The food items may be dropped off at the Civic Center after 9:00 a.m. on Xmas morning. Financial donations may be sent to the Open Pantry of Springfield, Inc., Box 5127, Springfield, MA, 01101.

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Ag. Women's Club Slate Xmas Meeting

The Christmas meeting of the Agawam Women's Club will be held Monday, December 17th, at 8:00 p.m., at the Captain Charles Leonard House.

A cookie exchange and Christmas music with Eleanor Toussaint at the piano for the carol sing is planned.

Members are asked to remember donations to fill the ditty bags for the Holyoke Soldier's Home. Four more ditty bags are needed and anyone wishing to help make these should contact Marion Pond, 786-8051. Mrs. Pond reports that there are 238 men and eight women at the Soldier's Home and at least two veterans are admitted every day. Articles to fill the ditty bags are combs, white socks, playing cards, memo books, calendars, pens, and therapy balls. If you wish to help make therapy balls, please contact Marion Pond.

After-shave is a refreshing donation for the men. Money donations are also welcome and Marion Pond will shop for the items. The filled ditty bags will be delivered to the Soldier's Home on December 18th.

The invocation will be given by Dorothy Thorpe and Irene Pigeon and her committee will be in charge of refreshments.

Rosary Altar Society Slate Christmas Party Dec. 11th

The Sacred Heart Church Rosary Altar Society will hold its Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 11th, at 7:45 p.m., in the parish center.

Entertainment will be provided by Vera Conway. All members are invited to bring a wrapped gift to share Christmas with a local nursing home.

Hosting the event will be officers and board members—Kay Rau, Mary Ann Govoni, Marie Vecchiarelli, Helen McCarthy, Theresa Barlow, Jackie Jendza, Helen Liptak, and Julia Zajchowski.

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Saturday, December 8th
Public Chicken Dinner
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Friday & Saturday, Dec. 14th & 15th
Inter-Church Living Nativity Scene
Valley Community Church
7:00 & 8:00 p.m., both days

Sunday, December 16th
Agawam Lions Club
Annual Blood Drive
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Wednesday, December 19th
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Busy Christmas Agenda At Ag. Congregational

Spend a fun afternoon with your family having lunch, playing "reindeer games," making crafts and more! On Sunday, December 16th, following the Sunday Service, bring your bagged lunch, one bottle of glue (per family), one grab bag gift (under \$2.50), label gift toddler under two, girl or boy under 12, teen or adult. Don't forget to bring your Christmas spirit! To sign up for this event, call Sue Tapply, 786-1430, or Grace Tilden at the church office, 786-7111.

Do you like seeing children perform? Do you like to sing Christmas carols? Come join the Agawam Congregational Church on December 24th, at 7:00 p.m. to see the Children's Christmas Pageant. Still needed are additional shepherds, angels, wise men, and more. Adult helpers and simple costume sewers are needed as well. For more information, please call Sue Tapply, 786-1430, or Grace Tilden at the church office, 786-7111.

On Christmas Eve, December 24th, at 11:00 p.m., the Agawam Congregational Church will have its Candlelight Service. Come join in Christian fellowship on this special night.

On Sunday, December 9th, at the 10:30 a.m. service, the youth of the church will be preparing and participating in the Worship Service. Preparation and participation of this week's service will include Amy Bressemer, Jill Miller, Carl Perkins, Josh Brosseau, Amy Aninno, Eric Jorgensen, and Mike Campion, under the direction of Corinne Colman, youth director.

On Sunday, December 16th, at 10:30 a.m., the Agawam Congregational Sanctuary Choir will present the "Festival of Christmas" by Wilson. Come hear the voices and enjoy the music under the direction of Frank Taplin, guest organist.

Valley Community Has Hillside Nativity

Several churches in the Agawam area are combining their efforts to provide an Inter-Church Living Nativity Scene on the hillside of Valley Community Church.

The event is sponsored by the Valley Community Church in cooperation with the Agawam Ministerial Association. Nativity Scene Committee members include Tina Wright of the Agawam United Methodist Church; Corinne Colan of the Agawam Congregational Church; Lynda and Archie DallaPegorara of Agawam Baptist Church, and Pat Murray and Norman Steadman of Valley Community Church.

The public is invited to view this Nativity Scene from the hillside at 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. on December 14th and 15th. Each performance will include a narration of the story of the Birth of Christ and background music. A short carol sing will take place in the church after each performance.

Hot chocolate will be served at that time. There is ample parking. So, bring your family to see this enactment of the true meaning of Christmas at Valley Community Church, December 14th and 15th, at 7:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Ag. Citizens For Life To Meet Dec. 6th

A sacrificial meeting of Agawam Chapter, Massachusetts Citizens For Life (MCFL) will be held Thursday, December 6th, at 7:00 p.m., in the Agawam Public Library, Cooper Street, Agawam.

Plans will be made for future activities in education, fundraising, legislation, and publicity.

All members, active and inactive, are urged to attend this very important meeting.

Dinosaur Lab Opening For Area Children

Does your six year-old know what a therapod is or what the camarasaurus ate? Would your 10 year-old enjoy playing detective to determine the name of a dinosaur by the size of its footprints?

The Children's Museum's latest exhibit, **Dinosaur Lab**, which opens on December 11th, provides fun and exciting dinosaur activities for young paleontologists. As dinosaur detectives, children can reconstruct an enormous skeleton of a dinosaur, handle casts of dinosaur fossils, examine dinosaur footprints, and play with toy dinosaurs on the Museum's dinosaur mountain. Through their experiences at the Museum, children can learn about various types of dinosaurs, when and how dinosaurs lived, what and how they ate, what paleontologists do, and much more.

The Children's Museum decided to launch the exhibit, an old favorite among area Museum goers, for several reasons. Children remain fascinated with dinosaurs and love learning about them. Information about dinosaurs continues to change as scientists unearth new data. "In recent years," says the Museum's Exhibit/Program Coordinator, "we've learned that some dinosaurs lived in families where parents cared for their young. It is this kind of new information that we want to get across to children. Perhaps more important, it is important for children to understand what scientists do and how our understanding of dinosaurs and the world is continually evolving as a result of scientists' work."

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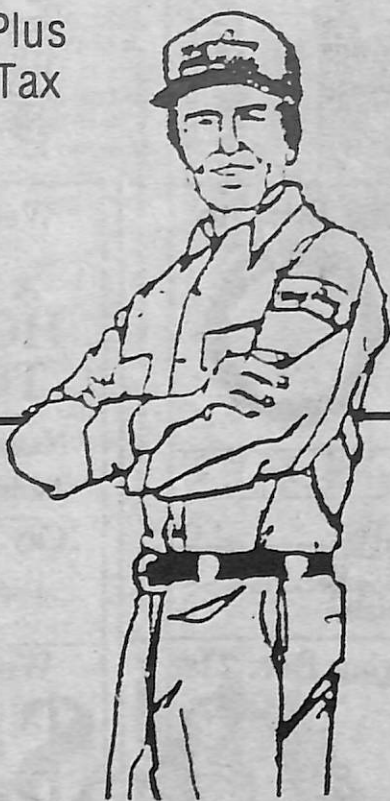
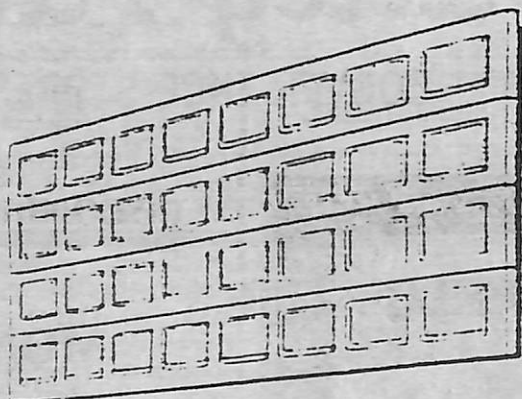
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Joanne Cosgrove Again Winning Titles With Arabian Horse

Joanne Cosgrove has completed yet another successful show season with her registered half-Arabian mare, "Little Jule" (Lady). They compete on the Open Western Massachusetts Horse Show Circuit, and the rated Arabian horse shows, in western, saddle seat, and hunter classes, as well as the costume class.

Joanne and "Lady" have a long history together, which began 10 years ago when she bought "Lady" off of a trail horse hack line. After two years of hard work, they began to bring home ribbons, and then championships. They won the open hunter reserve championship at the MacDuffie School Horse Show in 1982, and the Open Hunter Championship at the 1983 Blandford Fair Horse Show.

Joanne also placed sixth in her first competition in horse trials at King Oak Farm in the starter division in 1982. They won the open hunter reserve championship at Suffield's Fox Run Farm, and then began to compete in the Arabian Horse Shows held at the Eastern States Exposition.

As their showing career began to peak, Joanne sold "Lady" to an Arabian Horse Farm on Cape Cod, to start a family. Four years later, with support from friends and family, Joanne finally traced to where "Lady" had been resold to, and brought her home to Westfield, where she now resides with her husband, Dale, and their daughter, Jessica.

Joanne struggled through their first few shows back together (because "Lady" had been abused and was not quite herself). Joanne, with love and patience, brought "Lady" back, and won Open Saddle seat championship at the 1989 Blandford Fair Horse Show.

In early May 1990, Joanne and "Lady" came out strong and won the Open English Pleasure Championship at the Meadow Mist Farm Horse Show, and then competed at the Connecticut Arabian Horse Club Show at the Big E. They won the reserve championship in the Half-Arabian Native Costume Class, and also placed fourth in the half-Arabian Western Pleasure Championship.

Competing in the professional/amateur western pleasure class with her trainer, Karyn Tracy Banas, they placed fifth against a top field of competitors. "Lady" also won first place in half-Arabian trail class with Karyn Tracy riding. At the Westfield Fair Horse Show, they won their Arabian Pleasure class, and the costume class, and "Lady" won the hunter hack class with Karyn Tracy riding.

Competing against tough competition at the 1990 Blandford Fair Horse Show, Joanne placed third in the adult hunt seat equitation class, and Lady placed first in the open hunter over fences class with Karyn Tracy riding. Joanne also placed second out of 31 horses in the registered pleasure horse class.

With a successful year behind them, Joanne and "Lady" are already getting ready for competition early next season. Joanne is the daughter of Leo & Jeanette Dupuis of Kensington Street, Feeding Hills.

Joanne wishes to especially thank her parents for their moral support, and especially to her mother, who sewed by hand Joanne's Arabian costume, with which she competes in.

Pvt. Mark W. Dorval Completes Infantry Training

Army National Guard Private Mark W. Dorval has completed training at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Columbus, Georgia.

During the course, students received training which qualified them as light-weapons infantrymen and as indirect-fire crewmen in a rifle or mortar squad.

Instruction included weapons qualifications, tactics, patrolling, land mine warfare, field and combat operations.

Dorval is the son of John M. & Carolyn J. Dorval of 198 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills.

He is a 1990 graduate of Agawam High School.

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JOANNE COSGROVE and "Little Jule" (Lady) win the Reserve Championship in Half-Arabian Native Costume Class.

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Agawam Senior Center Lunch Menu

Monday, December 10th: Swedish meatballs, wide egg noodles, peas, carrots, corn, whole wheat bread, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, December 11th: Baked chicken, sweet potato, peas and mushrooms, whole wheat bread, plums.

Wednesday, December 12th: Stuffed cabbage with extra sauce, potato rounds, yellow squash, pumpernickel bread, peanut butter cookie.

Thursday, December 13th: Turkey vegetable soup, Shepherd's pie, tossed salad, Canadian oat bread, applesauce with raisins.

Friday, December 14th: Stuffed scrod, rice pilaf, pickled beets, rye bread, apple crisp with whipped topping.

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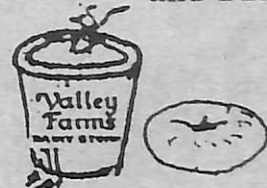
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FROM THE PULPIT

by Rev. Len Gowan
St. David's Church

Christmas For Our Soldiers

The following article appeared in the November 25th edition of the Agawam Baptist Church Newsletter. It bears repeating...

"About 4:30 most mornings I hear the whirring sound of a C-54 Cargo plane coming in for a landing at Westover A.F.B. It brings to consciousness the purpose of that flight—more young men and women are on their way to Saudi Arabia. It causes me to think, at least for a moment, about the men and women and their loved ones and the anxieties produced by this uprooting of their lives. It is particularly poignant as we approach the holiday season.

As we thank God for his richest blessings in our lives this week, let us also remember in our prayers everyone involved in Operation Desert Shield as well as the leaders of the nations of the world. God's richest blessings upon us all is his sense of peace. Shalom.

The Reverend Donald B. Morris"

The following Christmas card was made by a child in our parish. It bears repeating too...

"Dear Friend: Merry Christmas. My pastor said it would be nice if we made Christmas cards for the soldiers. So I made one. I hope you get home soon. We're praying for you."

Agawam BNE Branch Distributing Stockings For Local Groups

"New England Stockings of Joy," a program aimed at sharing the joy of giving during the holiday season with local charitable and other nonprofit organizations, was announced by Bank of New England Corporation.

Through the program, stockings filled with gifts by customers and employees will be donated to local nonprofit organizations such as homeless shelters and day care centers. In Agawam, recipient organizations include Agawam Junior Women's Club. In the days before Xmas, BNE Branch Manager Fran Alibozek will present the stockings to these groups to distribute.

BNE President D. Bruce Wheeler said, "The economy in New England is particularly difficult this year. It's a challenge to all of us. I'm proud to be part of an organization whose employees and customers are taking this opportunity to share the joy of the holiday season with all the members of our community—whether in homeless shelters, day care centers, or half-way houses. Working together, Fran Alibozek, the employees at the Agawam office, and I hope we make this season a happier one for many of them."

The Stockings program is being offered in over 350 Bank of New England Corporation branches in four New England states. The staff of each branch has on hand holiday stockings to be filled with gifts for a designated charitable or nonprofit organization in its community. Along with the stocking, colorful posters on display in each branch list the organization to receive the holiday stockings and some suggested gifts.

Customers and employees wishing to participate can take a stocking home, fill it, and return the stocking to the branch. Customers who prefer to make a cash contribution may do so through special accounts set up in each district. Contributions will be divided among the various organizations in each district. The filled stockings will be collected in each branch and will be distributed to the local nonprofit organization during the week of December 17th.

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Jeanette Maria Jaye Bride Of David B. Jenks

The marriage of Jeanette Maria Jaye to David Brian Jenks took place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 13th, in Saint Ambrose Roman Catholic Church in Endicott, New York, with the Reverend John E. Fetcho, pastor of the church, and the Reverend Junius S. Koiner of Lynchburg, Virginia, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Helen K. Jaye of Lynchburg, Virginia, and the late J.C. Jaye.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. James S. Jenks of Clover Hill Drive, Feeding Hills.

Mrs. Dennis E. Golden of Simsbury, Connecticut, aunt of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Cynthia A. Jenks, sister of the groom, and Jennifer A. Golden and Sue MacLean, cousins of the bride.

James T. Jenks, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Ushers were John MacLean and John B. Golden, cousins of the bride, and Miles Washburn of South Hadley.

The bride is a graduate of Heritage High School and the University of Virginia. She is an electrical engineer with IBM in Oswego, New York.

The bridegroom graduated from Agawam High School and the University of Massachusetts. He is a software engineer with IBM in Oswego, New York.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to the Caribbean, and now reside in Endwell, New York.

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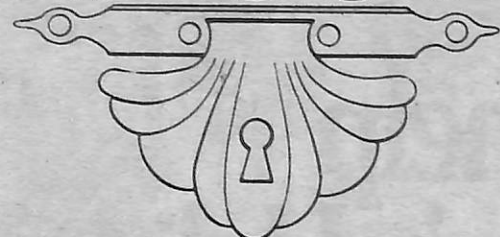
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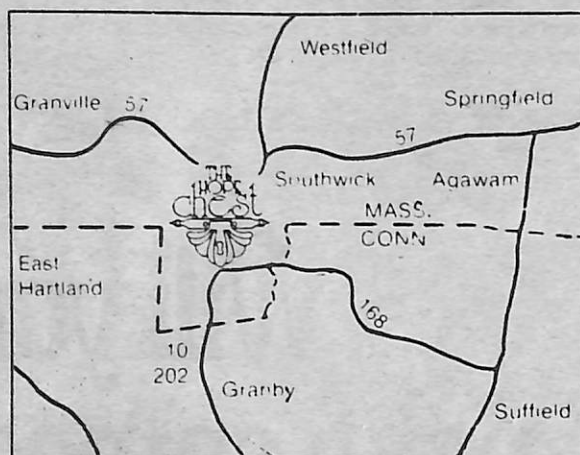
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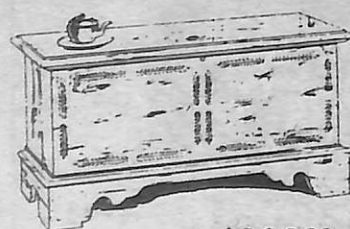
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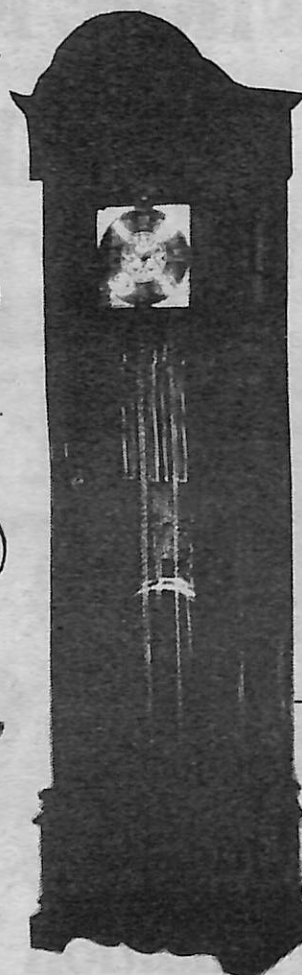
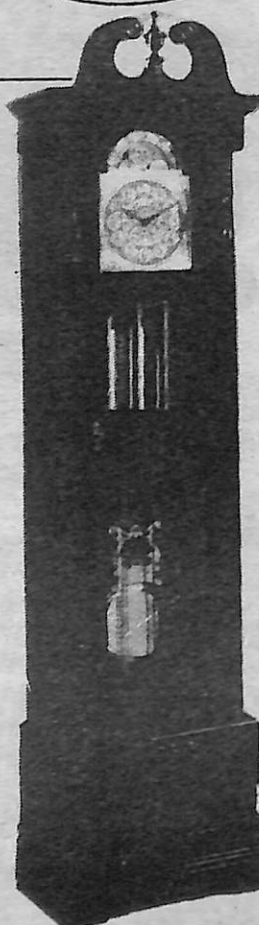
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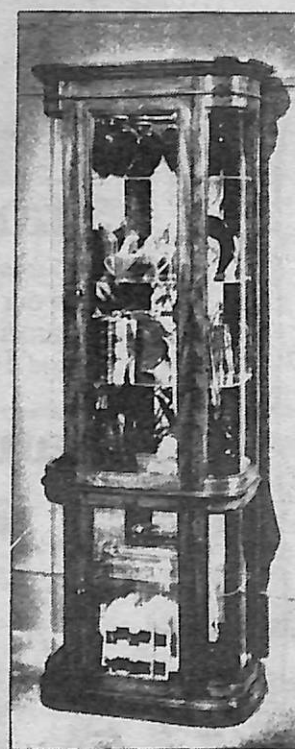


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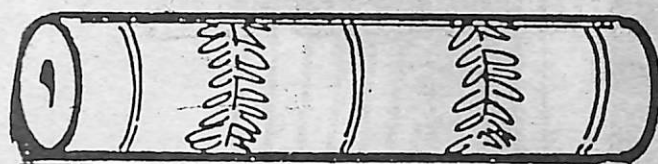
There will be a weekly tabulation of donations, and the purchases originating from these donations. This information will be made available upon request.

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Advent Workshop At Ag. Methodist Church

Tina Wright, Superintendent of Studies at the Agawam United Methodist Church, has announced that an Advent Workshop will be held on Sunday, December 9th, at the church.

Ms. Wright stated, "Together we will create Advent banners, cinnamon stick ornaments, and a paper chain tree." Families and people of all ages are invited to participate. The festivities begin at 4:00 p.m. After the craft session, all are invited to partake of a light supper.

"Afterwards," Ms. Wright said, "we will have our Annual Carol Sing with adults and children lifting their voices in the songs of the season."

The Agawam United Methodist Church is located at 491 Mill Street, across from the playing field of the Agawam High School. For more information, please call the church office, 786-4174.

Check our classified pages...

Dominican Nuns Plan Monthly Hour Of Prayer & Song

The monthly Hour of Prayer and Song for the families of the world will be held at the Dominican Nuns' Monastery Chapel on Sunday, December 16th, at 4:00 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The service will include the singing of Evening Prayer and the recitation of the rosary, sermon, and Benediction.

Agawam Lions Club Holding Annual Blood Drive Dec. 16th

Won't you please join the Agawam Lions Annual Blood Drive on Sunday, December 16th, at the American Red Cross Donor Center, 235 Chestnut Street, Springfield, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

A pancake breakfast will served compliments of the Agawam Lions Club.

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'Tis The Season For The Great Christmas Bazaars Of Agawam



SUPERVISING A TABLE OF HAND-KNIT socks and dust-mitts at the St. John's Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 1st, are Peg Altobelli, Aurore Craig, and Mary Costa. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



QUILTS AND PILLOWS - Celia Menard, Edna LaFleur, and Lillian Doyle displayed a beautiful selection of handmade quilts and pillows at the Annual Christmas Bazaar at St. John's Church on December 1st. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PAULINE MICKEY of Feeding Hills served as co-chairwoman of the Annual Christmas Bazaar held at the Agawam United Methodist Church on Saturday, December 1st. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



HOLIDAY BASKETS and ACCESSORIES were being sold at the Annual St. John's Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 1st, by Bernie Polopek, Betty Reilly, and Elinor Oliver. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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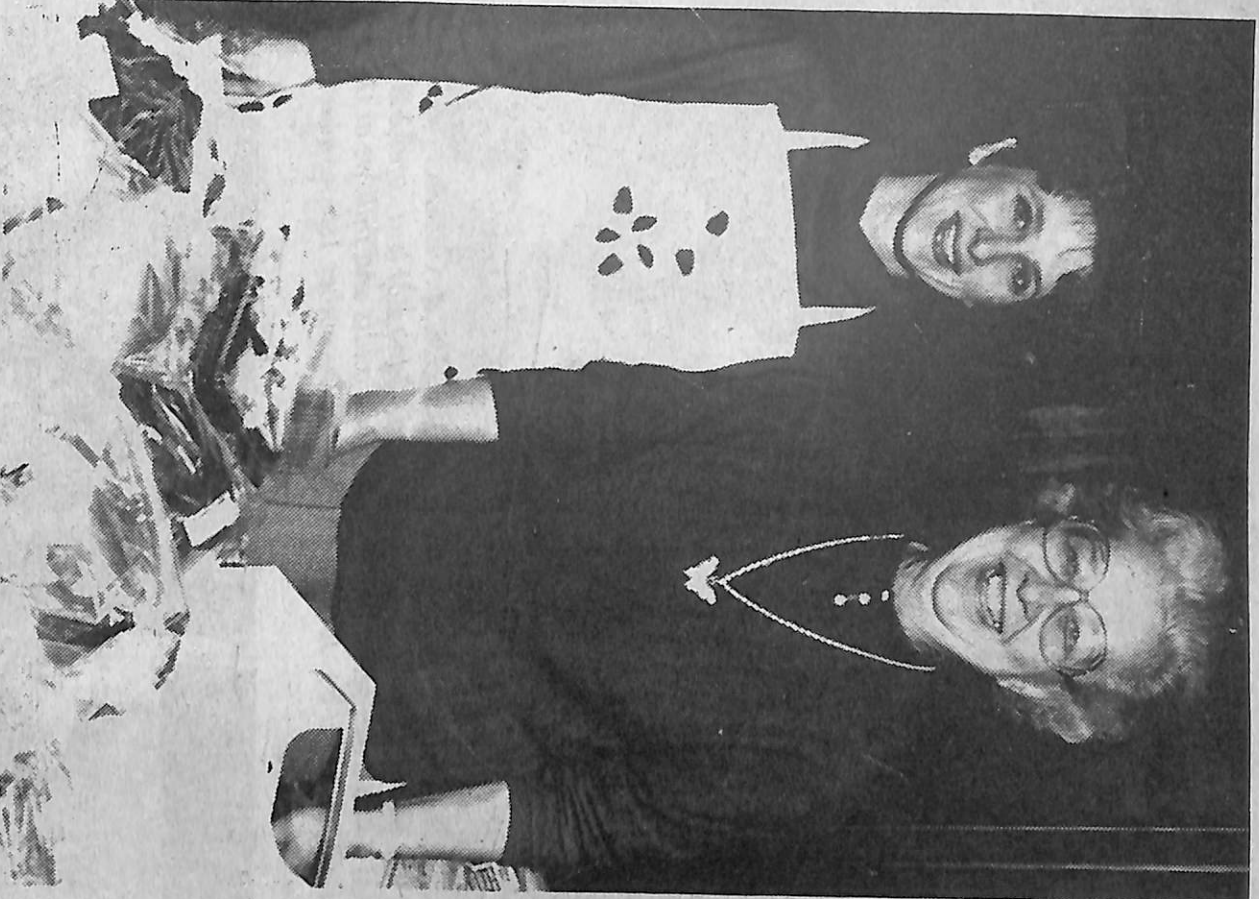
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Super Bazaar Saturday Am



AT THE BETHANY ASSEMBLY OF GOD on Saturday, November 24th, Roseanne Sorcinelli and Ann Martin were two of the workers who kept the day running smoothly. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



GLENYTH CHADWICK was selling handmade sweaters and dolls at the holiday crafts fair at the Bethany Assembly of God on Main Street on Saturday, November 24th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SUPERVISING THE GENERAL STORE at the Annual Jingle Valley Fair at the First Baptist Church in Agawam Center included Muriel Hastings, Sonja Roberts, and Lisa McLaughlin. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



EDITH OSBORNE and DOROTHY HASTINGS sell delicious fudge at the Jingle Valley Fair at the First Baptist Church on Saturday, November 24th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



FRAN BERWALD and BARB RVE ing decorative Christmas ornaments the Annual St. Theresa Church Ch. November 24th. Advertiser News photo by Jac

Annual Holiday Tradition Of Agawam



ALSO DISPLAYING A VARIETY OF CHRISTMAS ITEMS at the Bethany Assembly of God on Saturday, November 24th were Debra Bourque and Joyce Rosazza. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AT THE ANNUAL JINGLE VALLEY FAIR sponsored by the Agawam First Baptist Church, Marilyn Pennell and Lorie Baker were selling Christmas tree ornaments. The big event was held on Saturday, November 24th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



RIVERS were busy selling items and accessories at Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 24th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



TWO OF THE EXHIBITORS at the Annual St. Theresa Church Christmas Bazaar included Rita Rose (left) and Jeannette Boucher. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ALTHEA COWLES and VIVIAN BENOIT kept the kids smiling by selling a number popular board games at the Annual Christmas Bazaar at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills on Saturday, November 24th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Super Christmas Bazaar Saturday In Agawam



AT THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Janice Schermerhorn and Sue Runshaw were displaying their wares on Saturday, November 24th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH YOUTH GROUP had a crafts table to raise funds during the Annual Christmas Bazaar. Pictured from left - Cheryl Perkins, Shawn Dupee (standing), Adam Tapply, and Carl Perkins. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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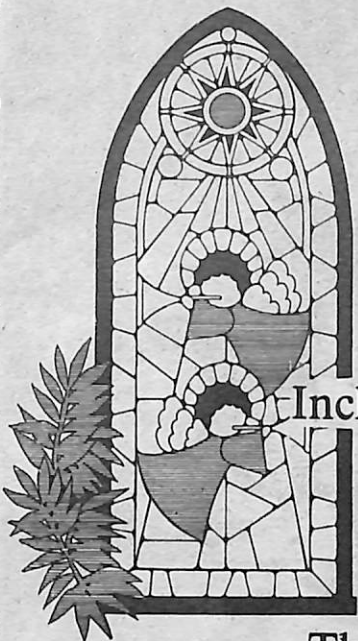
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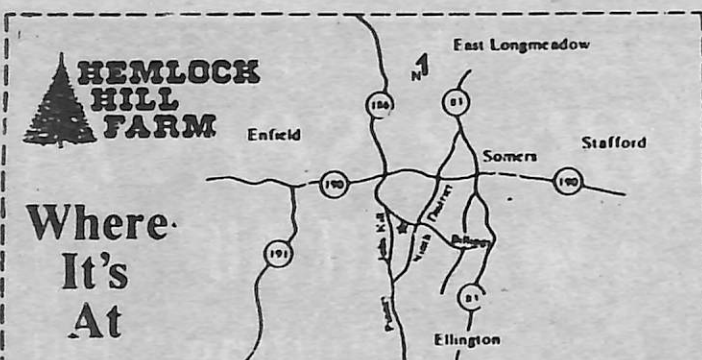


IN PHOTO LEFT, Frances Fearn and Hannah Binns sell hand-knit sweaters at the Annual Holiday Bazaar at the Agawam United Methodist Church on Saturday, December 3rd; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Edith Michaud and Maria Giroux offered decorative holiday ornaments for purchase. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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AT HERITAGE HALL NURSING HOME West Building, Jennifer Jock was selling hand-made pillows and quilts. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SHOWING OFF A NICE DISPLAY of dolls, wreaths, and festive pillows at the Heritage Hall West Christmas Bazaar were Alice DeBour, Kay Babcock, and Agnes Puricelli. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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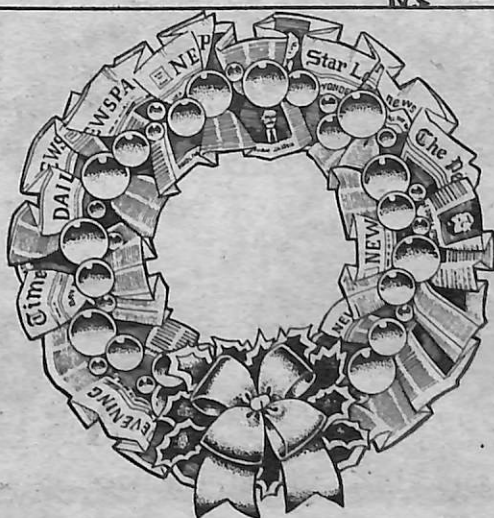
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Annual Christmas Bazaar At Sacred Heart Church



CAROL LEHBERGER, coordinator of the Sacred Heart Church Bazaar (left), is pictured at the Christmas Decoration Booth with Mary Cimaroli (center) and Dorine Kubik. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AT THE SACRED HEART CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR on Saturday, November 24th, Penny Martineau and Mary Ann Govoni manned one of the booths. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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MICKIE SZORBATE and NATALIE WHITMARSH display a variety of crafts at the Christmas Bazaar held at the Agawam Congregational Church on Saturday, November 24th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



OVER AT HERITAGE HALL NURSING HOME West Building, Helen Marganti, Frances O'Connell, both activity directors at the facility, were busy with their Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 24th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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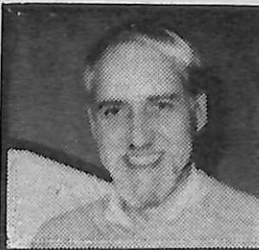
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**METAMORPHOSIS:**

A minister's view...

by Dr. Bob Murray
Pastor, Valley Community**Gifts****St. Matthew 2:10-11**

What do you want for Christmas this year? How much does it cost? Where do you buy it? How would you have me wrap it?

And in reply God speaks and says: "If you are ready for it, this year you may receive more than you bargained for!"

And this is what He gives. To the one whose life is devoid of meaning and hopeless, He gives HOPE wrapped in swaddling clothes.

He gives light to the one in darkness which resembles a Christmas star. And the light cannot be consumed by the darkness. The darkness is consumed by the light.

To the one who is afraid of moving ahead, He gives courage. It costs a little, but its reward is great.

To all who carry burdens, He gives a lift.

He gives direction and desire, support and sustenance, strength and satisfaction, things not found in department stores.

He gives things found only in the heart of God. He gives love!

He gives a little of what He is to YOU and ME!

Yes, this year WE may receive more than we had bargained for.

This year...if we are ready for it...we may receive CHRISTMAS!

Chicken Dinner At Valley Community Set

The public is invited to a Homemade Chicken Dinner with all the trimmings at Valley Community Church, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, on Saturday, December 8th, with continuous servings between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Pat Murray will be playing music of the season on the Wurlitzer organ. Tickets are available at the door. Call 786-2445 for reservations and information.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1975 Reunion Committee included, from left - Ed Radwilowicz, Kathy Ayre, Pam Maule, Nancy Richter, Steve Dellaguistina, Regina Korney, and Marcia Barker. CLASS PHOTO ON PREVIOUS PAGE. Advertiser News

photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Chamber Of Commerce Planning Annual Holiday Breakfast Dec. 21st

The Agawam Chamber of Commerce cordially invites you to attend the Annual Holiday Breakfast on Friday, December 21st, at 7:45 a.m., at Crestview Country Club, Shoemaker Lane, Agawam.

Guest speaker will be MaryLynn Wajert, M.Ed., whose topic will be "Assessing Stress & Personal Performance Barriers."

Musical entertainment will be by Rich Mitnick. New members will also be introduced. Door prizes will be given.

Reservations are \$10.50 per person. Deadline is Wednesday, December 19th. Mail reservations to: Agawam Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 531, Agawam, MA, 01001.



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This Event Is Sponsored By Phelps PTO. For Further Information, Please Call Sue Dempsey, 789-0195.

Heritage Hall Nursing Home News, Activities

RESIDENT OF THE WEEK

Wilma Lewis

"I am going to preface this outline of my life with a paragraph about my mother's family history.

Katherine Kuhnke was born of German parents in Germany. The Kuhnke family came to the U.S.A. and started their new life in New York City. The Kuhnke family was very proud of becoming American citizens and my mother held fond memories of Germany.

I was born in New York City in 1907. Unfortunately, my parents did not have a "happily ever after" marriage and separated when I was four years-old.

Mother and I moved to Lankwitz, Germany (suburb of Berlin). Mother enrolled me in Lyceum all girls' school; by the age of six, I was comfortable with the German language and mother entered me in a private school where classes were conducted in French and English as well as German.

We remained in Germany during World War I. Due to the lack of heating, we went to school each day only long enough to get our study assignment; then returned home to "learn"; I also remember food rationing. As the war continued, I was about 12 when mother made arrangements for me to stay on a farm during the summer. The farm was quite a way out of the city. Getting there required me to change trains. I felt it to be quite an undertaking, but the soldiers were helpful, and I made the trip back and forth for many years.

We returned to the U.S.A. after the war. I was happy to be reunited with my grandparents, now living in Talcotville, Connecticut. Grandfather was a painter for the Talcotville "Mill Houses."

I entered the American School System at Rockville High School. It was strange to me that there were "boys" in my classes!

Happiness abounded when my parents were reconciled and we once again lived in New York City.

I abandoned school and Rogers Department Store hired me to model hats. My next employment was at R.G. Dunn Bradstreet. With office experience, I moved to Worthington Pump where I met Harry Lewis. We were married in 1927. We had two children, Ethel Wilma and Ronald Harold. Harry's work involved extensive travel, so my children relived my ever-changing

school settling. They did well despite this.

Harry had the misfortune of having "Cerebral Atrophy" (today, called Alzheimer's).

Ethel Wilma and her husband live in Agawam. Ronald lives in California with his family.

For reasons of health, I moved to Heritage Hall. I prefer the warmth of Florida, but I have the warmth of Ethel Wilma, which adds life to my years."

Holiday Bazaar

With the holiday close at hand, it is always fun to shop at a holiday bazaar, and shop we did. Each of the four buildings had their own sale so no one could miss anything. You had to visit each building.

Some of the items that were for sale were home-baked cookies, hot cinnamon bread, all kinds of holiday decorations, jewelry, knitted mittens, fudge, and hand-made Victorian Christmas trees.

Special items were featured in raffles such as a cookie manger scene, and a beautiful hand-made Christmas tree. The weary shoppers were invited to sit and rest with a cup of coffee and donuts. And now it's over for 1990 with just a few items left in our showcases.

A special thank you to all the bakers, knitters, crafters, and all donations to the craft sale. Also, thank-you to all the shoppers at our holiday bazaar.

Resident Council Meeting

Residents of Heritage Hall West Nursing Home held a monthly Resident Council Meeting. Presiding were President Philomena Doyle, Vice President Eva Luccardi, Advisor Lucy McClean, Secretary Olympia DelDotto, and Treasurer May Smith.

The purpose of the meeting is to give each resident the opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns and discuss the upcoming activity calendar. Residents are encouraged to express their feeling and any concerns or compliments are directed to the appropriate person or department.

At Heritage Hall, we strive to enhance the quality of each resident's life, and provide a pleasant and home-like atmosphere.



WILMA LEWIS
"Resident of the Week"

Bay Path College Lists Festival Of Lights

Bay Path College will hold its Annual Service of Lights on Wednesday, December 12th, at 7:30 p.m., in Mills Theatre, Carr Hall, on the Longmeadow campus. The ecumenical program of music and readings is sponsored by Bay Path's Interfaith Council and is open to the public with no charge for admission.

Featured will be holiday music by the College's Glee Club and Chamber Singers/Keynotes, under the direction of Charles E. Page, as well as seasonal readings by Bay Path students and the College's chaplains. Those attending will also have the opportunity to join in a carol sing.

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Activities Galore At Heritage Hall



THE BLUE AND GOLD RIBBON SINGERS performed music of the season for residents of Heritage Hall Nursing Home (North Building) last week. Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.



THE NEW RESIDENTS' COUNCIL OFFICERS at Heritage Hall Nursing Home includes back row, from left - Eva Luccardi, vice-president; May Smith, treasurer; - front row - Philomena Doyle, president; Lucy Mclean, advisor; and Olympia Deldotto, secretary. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



LOCAL MAGICIAN JOE BONGIO recent performed his bag of tricks for residents of Heritage Hall Nursing Home, North Building. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Music At First Church Has Candle Concert

The Music Committee of Old First Church, Court Square, Springfield, invites the public to join them for the third concert of the 1990-1991 "Music at First" series to be held on Sunday, December 9th, at 4:00 p.m. It will be the annual "Candlelight Concert" by the Adult Choir and Soloists of First Church who will be joined by The Clarion Brass: Daniel Oberholtzer, trumpet; Karen Atherton, trumpet; Margot Rowland, French horn; Barbara Sabol, trombone, and Richard Studney, tuba.

The program will feature "In dulci jubilo" of Michael Praetorius and Daniel Pinkham's "Christmas Cantata," will include traditional and non-traditional Advent and Christmas music, and familiar carols sung by all. Charles Page, Minister of Music at Old First Church since 1960, will direct the concert and Allan Taylor will be the organist.

The "lights" and decorations around Court Square make Old First Church a perfect setting for this Christmas celebration while the special decorations and candles in the Meeting House, will add to the glory of the music to make this one of the highlights of your season. This, as are all of the "Music at First" events, is open to the public with no admission charge and will be followed by a reception.

Old First Church invites you to join them for worship each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. There will be a Christmas Sunday Festival Worship Service, December 22nd, and Monday evening, December 24th, at 11:00 p.m. in the Meeting House, is the "Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols." Richard T. Fournier, pastor, Charles E. Page, Minister of Music with the Old First Church Choir and Soloists—Deborah Trimble, soprano; Kirsten Shirer, alto; Joseph Horton, tenor; Bruce Johnson, baritone.

First Church is handicapped accessible—use Elm St. side entrance.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR DEADLINE is every Tuesday at noontime for news items, classified ads, and display ads. Our office opens at 6:30 a.m. weekdays. We close at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday nights.

FIRE-WISE

by Rusty Jenks, fire chief

In A Fire, Seconds Count

"It started out as a small fire. I was too embarrassed to call the fire department."

Each year many fires that start out small end up causing hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages because someone was afraid or too embarrassed to call the fire department. During the early stages of a fire, your actions play a crucial role in the safety of your family and the amount of damage that occurs.

Upon discovering a fire, you should sound an alarm, let the other people in the area know that there's the potential for danger and that they should evacuate. Call the fire department, even if the fire is small. For every minute a fire burns it doubles in size. Small fires can grow quickly. Only after the first two steps have been completed, should you try to extinguish small fires.

The Agawam Fire Department is here to help you! Don't be afraid to call if we can help in any way, because, in a fire, seconds count.

Museum Shops Offer Unusual Holiday Gifts

The museum shops at the Springfield Science Museum and the Museum of Fine Arts on the Quadrangle in Springfield are offering an unusual selection of holiday gifts. All proceeds from the non-profit shops support the exhibits and programs of the museums.

At the Museum of Fine Arts, shoppers will find museum-inspired jewelry, one-of-a-kind holiday decorations and ornaments, reproductions of great art on note cards and posters, imported collectibles, unusual dolls and doll accessories, and more. The Museum of Fine Arts is open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Among the Science Museum Shop's selections are ecology-conscious toys and games, books for science buffs of all ages, hand-crafted African carvings and jewelry, science kits and models, star maps, and a sparkling assortment of gems and minerals. The Science Museum is open Thursday to Sunday, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

The museums are located on the Quadrangle at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield. Admission is free.

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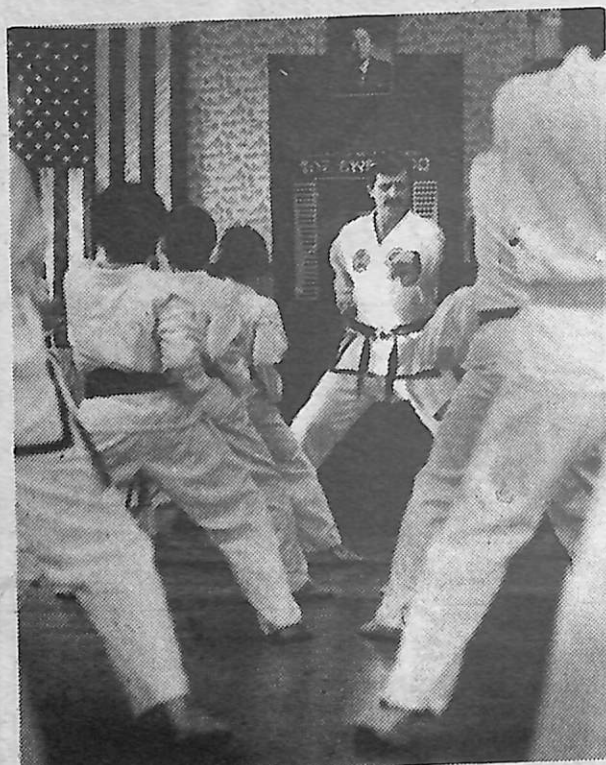
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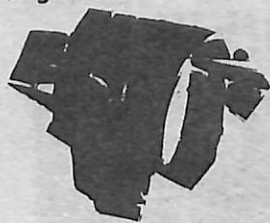
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Spotlight On Business



RONALD HAMEL, owner and operator of Letalien Jewelers, says his popular jewelry store has many terrific specials now in progress for the Christmas Season. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



KELLY PICCOLI, an employee of Letalien Jewelers, assists customer Gladys Burr with her holiday purchase. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Letalien Jewelers Has Great Variety Of Christmas Gifts

by Debra Macey Taylor
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Letalien Jewelers on 383 Walnut Street Extension is ready for the holiday season. They are having a sale on diamond pendants, earrings, and all diamond with gemstone jewelry.

Letalien Jewelers opened for business in 1955 under the ownership of the Letalien family. They offered quality merchandise at competitive prices and their service was always friendly and dependable.

The Letaliens hired a 12 year-old boy in 1962. He came in after school to sweep the floors and wash windows. Twenty-two years later in 1984, this former floor-sweeper bought the business.

Ronald Hamel is a lifelong resident of Agawam. He and his wife, Brenda, reside in town with their two little girls. Ron continues the Letalien family tradition. He is well-known for his dependable service and his sense of humor in unmatched.

Hamel is modest when he talks about his business. The sparkling display cabinets speak for themselves. There is a beautiful selection of gold and diamond jewelry, bracelets, rings, and earrings, as well as delicate crosses and a wide variety of gold charms available for holiday gift-giving.

Hamel offers an assortment of fine watches by Timex, Pulsar, and Speidel. Watch repair and ring sizing are done on the spot.

For those of you who might be thinking about popping the question this holiday season, **Letalien's** boasts a beautiful selection of engagement rings and wedding bands from the exquisitely simple to the simply exquisite.

Mother's rings and daughter's rings are also offered for that special someone on your gift life. Unique gifts in sterling silver and 14-carat gold necklaces in all sizes and styles are ready for wrapping. Ron will see to that.

Letalien's accepts most major credit cards and has a convenient layaway plan. The store is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. **Letalien's** is closed on Mondays.

Stop in and browse if you are in the neighborhood. Ron will be more than happy to show you around. You won't be disappointed.

Alan S. Edwards Named Banking Officer In Texas

Alan S. Edwards has been named banking officer in the Support Services division at NCNB Texas.

Edwards, an Agawam native, earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science from American International College in 1974. He earned a master of business administration degree from Western New England College in 1981.

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From the very latest releases to the golden oldies, Platterpus Records has it all. They have an outstanding inventory of rock and roll, soul and pop, and also feature a fine selection of new age, classical, soundtracks, country western and comedy. Your favorite oldies can be found here, or will be special ordered for you. Their regular prices as well as their special sale prices will keep you coming back again and again.

In addition to their music, they offer a wide variety of musical accessories such as blank tapes, tape storage cases, posters and music magazines. For your convenience, major credit cards are accepted. The management of Platterpus Records invites you to drop in and browse around. You'll be pleased with what they have to offer. They have been Westfield's hometown record store for the past 10 years.

Big & Tall Men's Apparel of West Springfield

Taller and larger men have a clothing shop in this area that caters to their needs. No longer do you have to look far and wide for clothing that is both stylish and fits properly. Big and Tall Men's Apparel of West Springfield, located at 935 Riverdale Road in the Riverdale Shops, phone 787-0041, specializes in outfitting tall and big men in finely tailored, stylish and moderately priced clothing. With sport and suit coats to size 66 and slacks to size 74, there is clothing to fit every man, and they carry shirts, sweaters, lounge wear, belts and all the accessories to complete a wardrobe.

It's difficult enough to be tall or large without having clothing that doesn't fit well and isn't stylish and up-to-date. Why search for a size that will fit when Big and Tall Men's Apparel of West Springfield has just your size with expert tailoring services available. They feature famous designer brands at prices that are sure to please. Whether for weekends or office, you're sure to find it here. Big and Tall Men's Apparel of West Springfield has earned a reputation for being a complete department store for the special size man.

Why not stop by and look over their most complete selection of big and tall designer fashions and accessories in hard to find styles and hard to find sizes.

Classic Touch Limousine Jacki Usher, Manager

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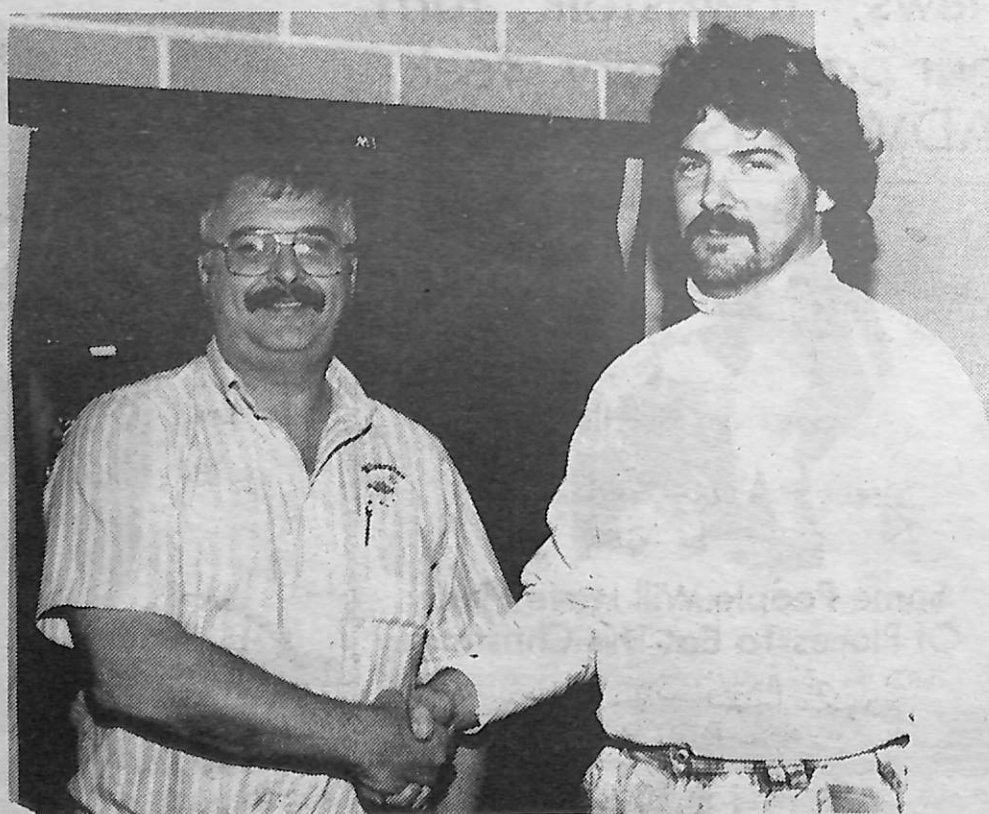
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Riverside Park Presents Monthly Maintenance Awards



IN PHOTO LEFT, T.C. Freeman, director of Maintenance at Riverside Park, presents Ken Castor with a "Performance Award For October"; in photo right, Mike Bryden was named "Maintenance Person For October by Freeman. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Spotlight On Business - continued...

BUSINESS REVIEW

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Berrelli Electrical, Inc.

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When you have a job that demands an electrical contractor, contact the professionals at **Berrelli Electrical**. Regardless of the size of the job, if you want it done right these are the people to call. *Season's Greetings and Happy New Year from your friends at Berrelli Electrical.*

E.R. Fashion Jewelry Luz Maria Rivera, Owner

With Christmas only weeks away, you'll find **E.R. Fashion Jewelry**, located at 177 Estate Street and at 1441 Main Street in Center Square Mall in Springfield, phone 788-0811, to be indispensable if you're looking for that truly special gift. If you desire a watch or jewelry at a reasonable price, you are sure to find it here. It is suggested that you visit this popular store, as it is now complete with everything that is desirable in the line of jewelry, watches and diamonds.

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Raymond Anthony's Hair Studio

If you are planning a new image for yourself this winter, it will depend to a large degree on healthy, fashionable hair. A beautiful head of hair can make any person look and feel younger and more attractive. In this area, fashion-conscious men and women have found **Raymond Anthony's Hair Studio**, located at 430 Main Street in Agawam, phone 786-3590, to be the most progressive hair design studio around. These professionals specialize in precision cuts that provide high-fashion styling with easy-care simplicity.

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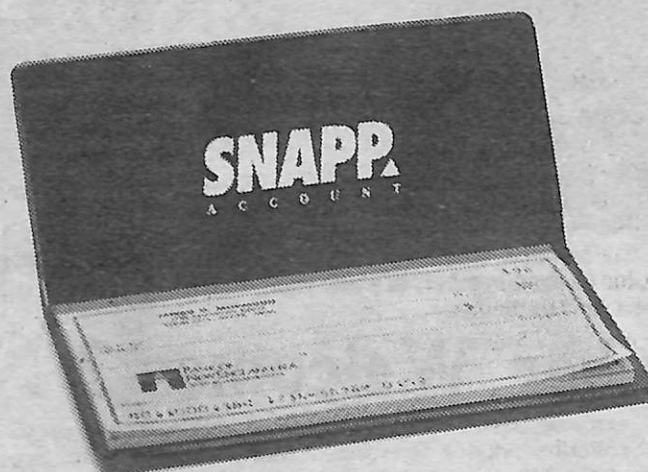
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KATHY AYRE (left), manager of George & Green Real Estate, Main Street, Agawam Center, and **Barbara Vaughn** (right), assistant manager, present agent **Laura Stevens** with a plaque naming her as the "Top Listing Agent" for October. **Linda Norman** (absent from photo) was named as the "Top Selling Agent." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...



IN PHOTO LEFT, Agawam Chamber of Commerce President Patricia Hebert presents Tim Ratkiewicz of New England Custom Coaters with his membership to the Chamber; in photo right, Patricia presents Ray Szymczyk of Executive Press with his new membership. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Chamber Welcomes 3 New Members

New England Custom Coaters

The company was started in January 1979 to serve the machining industry with commercial and military specification painting. It has since expanded its product line to include Teflon Coatings, Dry Film Lube Coatings, Powder Coating, and some Specialty Coatings.

It is located at 100 Shoemaker Lane in Agawam in a 15,000 square foot facility. It employs 16 people and operates from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

It is owned and operated by Timothy J. Ratkiewicz as president and Joseph A. Bucko as vice president.

It is an approved source for many of the major aircraft companies, including Hamilton Standard, Sikorsky, General Electric, and General Dynamics.

Precision Alignment

"Precision Alignment" is an Agawam business owned and operated by Sue & Marty Millilo. "Precision Alignment" specializes in front-end alignment work on all types of vehicles.

Marty, who has a background rich in vehicle maintenance that began in his childhood, served his apprenticeship at another alignment shop for several years. He soon realized that the Agawam area could support a centrally located alignment shop.

Using his natural talents on the machines, and an

extreme desire to build customer loyalty based on excellent work for fair prices, Marty and his wife, Sue, opened their first shop on August 1st, 1983.

Marty and Sue recall how that first year was slow while customer loyalty was being established. Soon, however, their hard work started to pay off and they found themselves running out of space. After much soul-searching, planning, and customer research, it was decided that they would expand if they could find a larger garage in Agawam. The result is their new establishment located at 105 Walnut Street, Agawam. The decision not to leave Agawam proved to be a good one and the Millilos have kept to their original promise of excellent work for fair prices.

Today, the garage continues to specialize in precision alignments as well as front and rear suspension work, as well as complete brake and steering service.

The Millilos are typical of the type of Americans who believe that honesty and hard work are the keys to a better society, and they believe that vision is coming true in Agawam.

Executive Press

"Executive Press," a full-service printing shop at 603 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, provides quality, fast, and inexpensive printing to meet all of your business and

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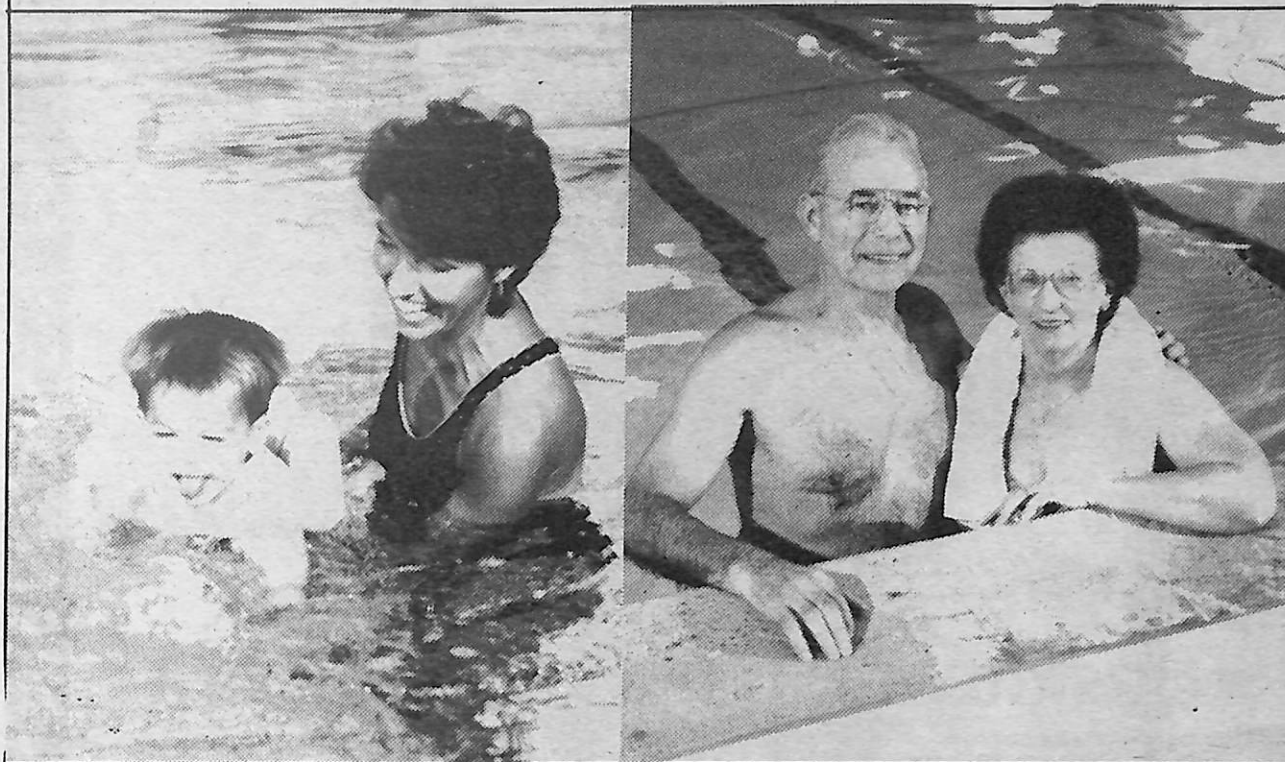
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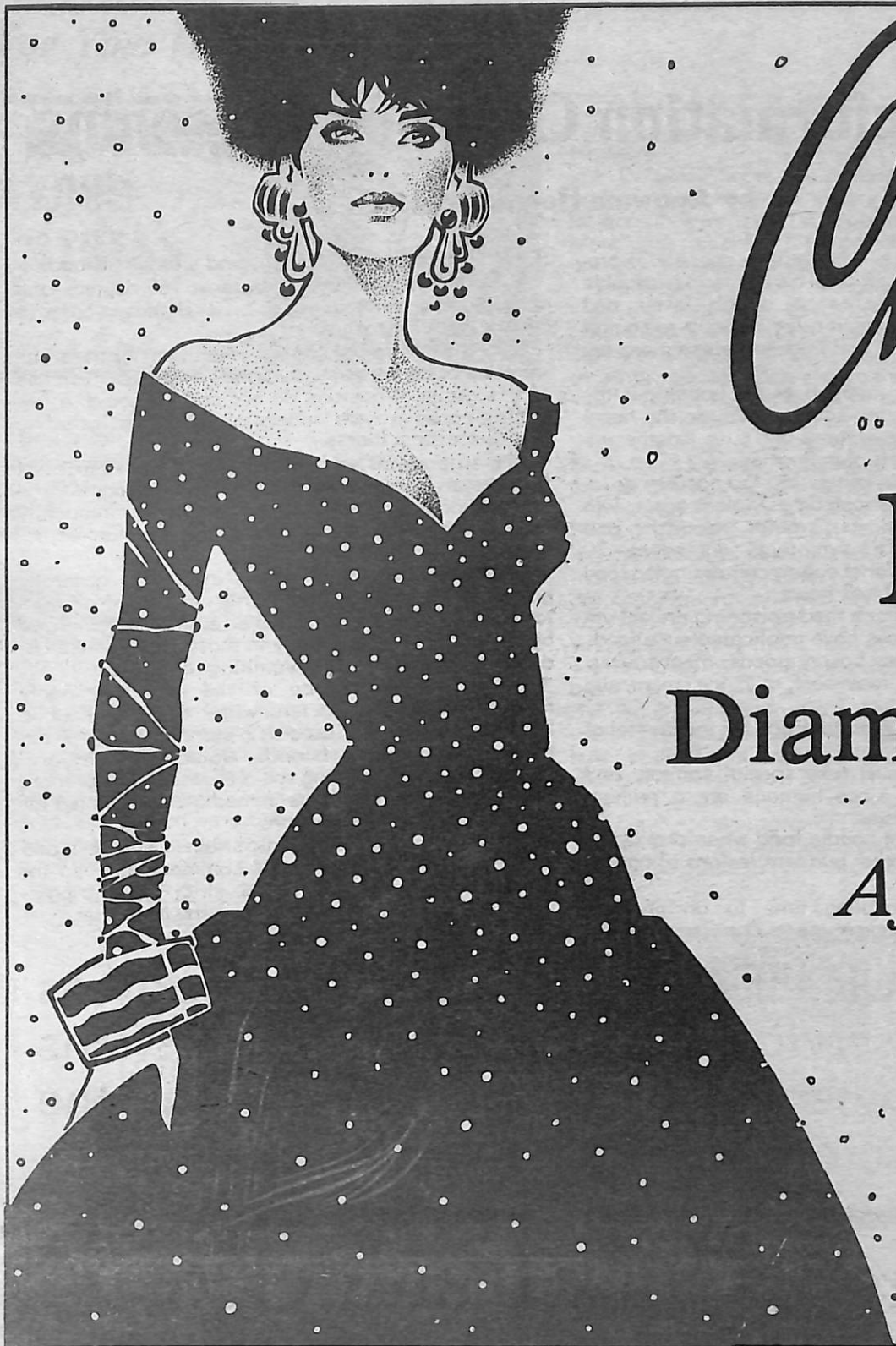
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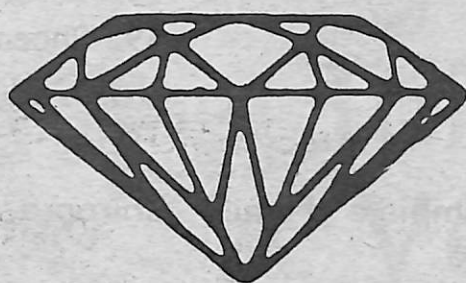
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For Your Health

Program On Divorce On December 8th

People who divorce often feel as if they are on an emotional roller coaster. Their sleep, eating habits and ability to work can be affected as they suffer from a variety of emotions, whose intensity can cause them to wonder if they are going crazy.

The New England Institute for Stress Management will offer help through understanding at a unique seminar on Saturday, December 8th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Holiday Inn in Holyoke. "From Pain to Peace—Understanding the Divorce Process" will help divorcing people by explaining the grief process from the viewpoint of both those who leave and those who have been left.

Participants will also learn why some people go on to live a happy and fulfilled life and why others get stuck in the past. A number of exercises will help them examine what they want from their futures and how to build their self-esteem and feel good about themselves.

The seminar will be conducted by Kathy Mitchell and Dr. Steven Sobel, who directs the Institute. Sobel is an expert in the field of self-esteem who speaks on a daily basis to groups and businesses across the country, while Mitchell, who is divorced, has spent years working with divorced people in support groups and on a one-to-one basis.

Cost for the seminar is \$27. Interested people are invited to bring their friends, as for every two that attend, a third will be admitted free.

To register, please call the Institute at 785-1259 as soon as possible, since group size will be limited. Checks should be made payable to Dr. Steven Sobel and mailed to: The New England Institute for Stress Management, 425 Union Street, West Springfield, MA, 01089.

Free Diabetic Education At Mercy Hospital

The Patient Education Department of Mercy Hospital is offering a free series of diabetic education programs to the public. Classes are offered in the afternoon, in the Breck Room of the Deliso Conference Center.

"Introduction to Diabetes" will be offered on Monday, December 10th, at 2:30 p.m., by a nurse educator.

"Diet and Diabetes," presented by a dietician or nurse educator, will be offered on Tuesday, December 11th, at 2:30 p.m.

"Medications Used in the Treatment of Diabetes" will be presented on Wednesday, December 12th, at 2:30 p.m., by a Mercy pharmacist.

"Complications Related to Diabetes," offered on Thursday, December 13th, at 2:30 p.m., will be presented by a nurse educator.

Preregistration is required; please call Patient Education at 781-9100, extension 5344, between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, or leave a message.

More Information On Food Poisoning

by Agawam Health Dept.

Staphylococcus aureus is a bacterium capable of producing a potent toxin in food. This bacteria is capable of growing at a wide range of pH levels and temperatures which makes it quite difficult to control without special sanitary and hygienic precautions being taken.

The most important reservoir of the bacteria is the human body and primary sources include the nasal passage, skin abrasions, wounds and cuts. Another important source are foods of animal origin.

The ingestion of toxin-containing food causes an intoxication of abrupt and sometimes violent onset, with nausea, vomiting, abdominal cramps, headache, and sometimes diarrhea. The symptoms will appear 30 minutes to seven hours after eating contaminated food and they may last for 24-48 hours.

Large outbreaks of staph food poisoning are not uncommon. Most outbreaks have implicated such foods as custards, cream-filled bakery goods, meat sauces, gravies, chicken salad, roast beef, milk, ice cream, and other dairy products.

Following are some important tips for the control of this food-borne illness:

1. Food handlers must take special sanitary and hygienic precautions, since humans are a primary source of staph organisms.

2. Persons should not handle food when displaying boils, abscesses, and other purulent lesions of hands, face, and nose.

3. Reduce food handling time to an absolute minimum in order to prevent the multiplication of the

bacterial during prep, service, and storage of food.

4. Heat leftover foods to at least 165 degrees and maintain this temperature for 5-10 minutes in order to destroy possible toxins.

E. Coli bacteria are normal inhabitants of the small intestine of humans and animals. While most members of this group of bacteria do not cause disease, a few strains cause a wide variety of infections including gastrointestinal illness.

The organism is seldom isolated from specimens of humans or animals under normal circumstances. The bacteria does produce a potent toxin which frequently leads to hemorrhagic colitis among afflicted individuals.

Clinical signs and symptoms in humans generally appear three to 12 days after ingestion of contaminated foods or water. The disease is characterized by diarrhea, which is bloody in most cases, severe abdominal cramps, nausea, vomiting, and fever.

The bacterium is one of the most commonly recognized strains of bacteria within the field of public health. Its presence is used as a standard for potential fecal contamination of foods, water, and dairy products. Any test indicating the presence of one or more of these bacteria should be immediately suspected for possible fecal contamination.

Illness caused by pathogenic strains can be avoided through the general measures commonly applied for prevention of fecal-oral spread: strict hygienic practices among food handlers and by the consumer.

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Pharmacy FACTS

by George R. Atkins, R.Ph.



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In general, it is wise to discard prescription drugs one year from the date on their labels. After this time, most medications either lose their potency or break down into toxic substances. Medications should be properly disposed of even sooner if the tubes that contain them begin to crack or leak. Liquids that thicken or change color, tablets that chip or discolor, and capsules that soften or stick together should also be discarded. The same holds true of any liquid requiring refrigeration that has been kept for more than two weeks. All such medications should be disposed of in secured containers that resist tampering by pets and children.

HINT: Observe the expiration dates that usually accompany over-the-counter medications.

Everyone should take the time, at least once a year, to check their medicine cabinet and dispose of drugs no longer used or those that are out of date. All questions, on medications, can be answered by our pharmacist at **SMITH DRUGS, 839 Suffield Street, 789-0811**. Greeting cards, Russell Stover candies, cosmetics and toiletries are available for the holidays and other occasions. Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday thru Saturday; 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday.

For Your Health - continued...

MANAGING
YOUR
STRESSby Dr. Stephen Sobel
M.S., S.M.C.

DEAR DR. SOBEL: I have tried to stop smoking several times, with very little success! I know you write on health topics often and I enjoy your approach—direct, realistic, and honest! Can you offer me some of that typical Dr. Sobel wisdom of yours? Much appreciation.

M.T., Agawam

DEAR M.T.: Nice to hear from one of my very regular readers again! Stopping the habit of cigarette smoking NOW will be the wisest thing you can do to enhance your health and longevity. I recommend you find a program that offers:

1. Techniques to deal with the "triggers" (coffee, talking on the telephone, feeling stressed, etc.) that often prompt one to light a cigarette.
2. Also, a program that teaches you how to deal effectively with the withdrawal effects of nicotine.

Just because you have been able to quit in the past, does not mean that you will not be able to do so in the future! Stay committed to giving up the habit! Have an enjoyable holiday season!

STRESS CHECK: A special service to AAN readers. An Overview of Dr. Steve Sobel's Program "Smoke No More."

1. Dr. Steve Sobel has devoted a great deal of his private practice to making sure individuals are able to be non-smokers. His 1:1 program called "Smoke No More" has received high acclaim from participants and organizations as well.

The program is basically geared to provide people with the necessary psychological, emotional, and physiological strategies to eliminate smoking. Since cigarette smoking is responsible for over 300,000 unnecessary deaths each year in the U.S. and is a major risk factor for heart attacks (smokers have 70 percent more heart attacks than non-smokers), Dr. Sobel knows the importance of giving up this addiction. We also know that cigarette smoking is the leading cause of cancers of the lung, larynx, oral cavity, and esophagus.

The program is a four-week program consisting of four sessions with Dr. Sobel. If you cannot be accepted into the program immediately, you will be placed on the waiting list. Dr. Sobel can be reached to schedule an appointment or find out more information at 785-1259 or 732-2759. Dr. Sobel is also associated with other organizations such as hospitals, clinics, etc. who contract out for his expertise. Are you ready to quit?

2. Adult Self-Esteem Group. Next free informational evening is Tuesday evening, December 18th, at 7:00 p.m., at Dr. Sobel's office at 425 Union Street, West Springfield. Call 785-1259 to reserve your place. Dr. Sobel will give an exciting overview of this four-session (two hours each) program. (Total cost is \$95). No more than seven to 10 adults accepted into each group. You receive the attention you deserve!

Creating Self-Esteem
Program Dec. 18th

A free informational evening will be held on Tuesday, December 18th, from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m., to introduce people to the four-session seminar series, "Creating High Self-Esteem—For Now and Forever!" The sessions will be two hours each and the program will start in early January. The schedule will be announced at the free information evening.

The total cost for all four sessions is \$95. Please call Dr. Steve Sobel, director of The New England Institute For Stress Management, 785-1259, to reserve your place.

The sessions will all be held at Dr. Sobel's office and conference center located at 425 Union Street, West Springfield. Enrollment is limited to no more than 10 adults per four-session series. Start the New Year with high self-esteem!

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Arts

Good "Holiday" Fun Thru & Thru In Latest Play At StageWest

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

StageWest's "holiday" offering, *Holiday* by playwright Philip Barry, is a mixed bag of entertainment; a play that gets off to a slow start, reaches a hilarious peak in midstream (otherwise known as Act II) and exits with a predictable and unassuming resolution.

It's romantic, it's definitely a comedy, but throughout the supporting players often had the best parts.

Set in high society circa the 1920's, the play opens with a sophisticated Julia Seton (Shelley Williams) announcing her intent to marry the free-thinking Johnny Case (Tom Hewitt), whose mind is set on self-discovery and the pursuit of happiness while he's still young enough to enjoy it. The problem is, Hewitt as Case doesn't look, move, or speak with the passion for life such a character should emote. He looks more the banker and financier Julia's ultra-conservative and staid father, Edward (Dalton Dearborn), actually is.

Enter the free-spirited baby sister, Linda Seton (as played by Kelly Maurer), whose life philosophy is far more in tune with Case.

It's a match made in heaven as Linda falls hard for her sister's boyfriend, who in turn seems oblivious to the obvious.

Just as Williams brings a prim and proper austerity to her high society sophistication, Maurer brings an earthy charm, wit and vivaciousness to this play. She is the spark that sets the story aflame.

In tandem with her eccentric friends the Potters (Nick and Susan)—adroitly played by Ellen Lauren and John Tyson—they are the scene stealers. If you get a belly laugh during this play, it's all their fault.

Dearborn is noticeably staid and consummately con-



KELLY MAURER as Linda Seton and **Tom Hewitt** as Johnny Case in StageWest's production of the romantic comedy "*Holiday*." StageWest is the resident professional theatre located in downtown Springfield for Western Mass. For ticket information call 781-4300.

servative, with the right look and style to be believable. Ben Scranton and Nancy Wolfe are the Crams (Seton and Laura, respectively) and both are stylistically suited to their minor roles. But it's a Maurer, Tyson and Lauren show. They've got the best parts.

Eric Hill directs this production, which peaks almost

too soon, and fades out with none of the emotion (hilarious or tragic) that it should have.

Holiday is overall good entertainment; playgoers won't be disappointed in this production. But they might—as I did—want a little bit more than what is delivered.

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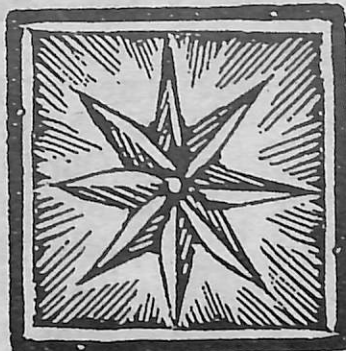
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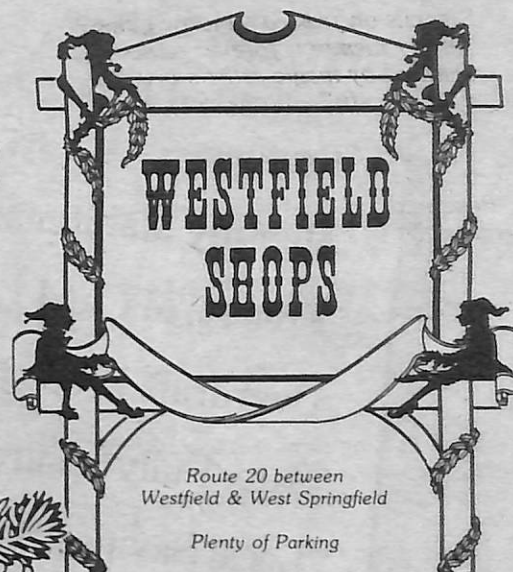
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The Sights And Sounds Of Christmas

by Agnes R. Neylon Smith

Ring from hills, and vales, and dells,
Are pealing, joyous Christmas bells;
Glistening snow on chapel steeple,
Welcoming all the faithful people;

Softly, gracefully floating by,
Are stenciled flakes from shrouded sky;
Covering the still and frosted ground,
In gentle peace, without a sound;

The air is filled with happy song,
As anxious children dance along;
Scarves and mittens, red as roses,
Keep Jack Frost from nipping noses;

Tassels, in wind, are blowing wild,
On caps of every bobbing child;
Parents in ever-steady gait,
Try to hold an air, sedate;

But when snowballs tossed into the sky,
Accidentally hit a passer-by;
Mom and Dad are right on hand,
To help the victim understand;

Because it's a season for loving and giving,
All is well, and everyone is forgiving
Everyone loves this time of year,
And all the Yuletide holds so dear;

Candles flickering in windows, bright,
Welcoming travelers, in the dark of night;
Smoke from chimneys, circling high,
Spreading its warmth on a chilly sky;

Sleigh bells on horses, ringing clear,
And carollers' songs, we love to hear;
Trees of pine, and wreaths of holly,
And a little old man, so fat and jolly;

Embers in the hearth, are all aglow,
Children in the yard, make men of snow;
In the village, such hustle and bustle,
Leaves shops and gifts, all in a tussle;

Stencils on frosted window panes,
In my memory, forever remains;
Painted by magic artist's brushes,
Silently, gracefully, in the evening hushes;

The village pond is ready for skates,
And graceful gliding, and figure eights;
Boys and girls, with shoes well-laced,
Are ready to show their skill and grace;

Sleds and skis on busy hills,
Causing children sudden thrills;
Often sleds are spun around,
Tossing riders on snowy ground;

The nativity by the church, at night,
Has a shining star with radiant light;
It beckons to all, to come and pray;
And celebrate this Christmas Day;

It's just a poor little animal shed,
Mary found straw for the Baby's bed;
The cows, and donkey, and wooly sheep,
Throughout the night, their vigil keep;

The world rejoices this Christmas morn,
For this is the day our Savior was born;
He came to Earth to show us the way,
Let's sing His praises, this Christmas Day.

The Christmas Story

by Agnes R. Neylon Smith

From out of the frosty frigid skies,
Echoes a tiny baby's cries;
The bleat of the lamb, and donkey's bray,
Welcomed Him into their stable, this day;

They offered their hay, for a cradle-bed,
So the new-born Baby could lay His head;
Hosanna was sung by angels on high,
And one glorious star illuminated the sky;

The loving cattle joined Mary, in song,
And the wooly white sheep were singing along;
For this is the greatest day on the Earth,
It's Christmas, the day of the Dear Savior's birth;

From far-distant hills, came shepherds, that morn,
For the angels had told them, that Jesus was born;

The wisemen, Melchior, Caspar, and Balthasar,
Rode on their camels, by the light of the star;

They brought their treasures of silver and gold,
And knelt by the crib, on the ground, hard and cold;
They offered their gifts to the Babe in the hay,
To honor His birth, "The First Christmas Day";

And the shepherd, with fleece, from his
flocks finest, shorn,
Lay it on the cradle, to keep the Babe warm;
One very small shepherd gave his favorite toy,
A bright shiny stone, he gave to the Boy;

The stable was filled with love for This Child,
The Son of God and Mary, so mild;
Sent to Earth, to lead men to glory,
This wondrous, glorious, true Christmas Story.



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Southwest Florida...

If you're considering vacationing, relocating, or retiring to Southwest Florida, the fastest growing region of the U.S., here's the story.

It's November 29th, the temperature's 89°—the hot spot in the country (today). And I'm sitting on Fort Myers Beach watching the sunset. Need I say more?

But there is more and it's not Utopia. Remember the toy "Creepy Crawlies" that kids used to make years ago? Well, they made the molds in Florida. Only the mosquito rivals the palmetto bug (glorified name for ROACH) in Florida insect lore.

Lee County has the largest mosquito control operation in the world—just to give you an idea of the magnitude of the problem. My condo complex has an exterminator service so I haven't had any nasty experiences. I did have a lizard that found an opening in the screen and was trapped for two days between the window and screen. I was not about to open the window and invite him in so I hoped he was smart enough to get out the way he got in (and eventually he did).

I have a frog that lives on my bedroom windowsill and he's a perfect pet. I say "Good Morning"; he blinks an acknowledgement, and we go about our own business. I don't have to feed him or clean up after him, etc.

There are two seasons here, the rainy season and the tourist season. The rainy season runs from May to November. Rainstorms can be so hard and blinding that you think you're in a car wash. I haven't experienced that yet. This is also the lightning capital of the

world which is not a comforting thought (when you're on the golf course with only tall trees around for shelter). High temperatures range from 74 in January to 91 in July and August. The humidity is very high in summer (making it seem even hotter).

While I'm expounding on the negatives, the tap water doesn't taste very good and it's never cold. People from Western Massachusetts take their water for granted—it's the best drinking water in the whole world! Most people here drink bottled water.

Another problem that arises once the snowbirds (northerners who fly south for the winter season) arrive is traffic congestion. There's more traffic at midday than at rush hour. You have to be a very alert and defensive driver. There are too many people who don't know where they're going and make last minute lane changes. I would never do that—well, maybe I did once or twice...

The pay scale is much lower here than in New England, but the cost of living is lower—not a lot, but you can save in some areas such as heating and car insurance.

Now, why would anyone put up with the bugs, traffic, etc.? How about the beaches, shelling, parks, entertainment, great restaurants, fishing, boating, sightseeing, golf (some golf enthusiasts claim Southwest Florida has more courses per capita than anywhere in the country), the scenic environment, the totally relaxed atmosphere, and the winter weather (which is wonderfully uneventful and predictable—nothing but comfortably warm).

I've been here two months and it's rained twice. I wake up every morning to see the sunshine peeking through the palm frond across my bedroom window and that's enough for me...

JOTS FROM JULIE:

I spent Thanksgiving in the Canary Islands once, but have never been away from home for Christmas. It's a delightfully different experience. I had to push beach chairs aside to put the Christmas tree in the trunk.

Driving home from the beach and seeing the Christmas lights and decorations gave me a strange sensation of being in a Fantasy Land. Just in case the "Fantasy" wears thin, I will be home for Christmas. Hope it's not tooooo cold!!!!

Handel's Messiah On Stage December 8th At Springfield Symphony

Maestro Raymond Harvey will conduct the Springfield Symphony Orchestra and Chorus in a special holiday presentation of Handel's *Messiah* Oratorio on Saturday, December 8th, at 8:00 p.m., in Symphony Hall. The 105 voices of the Springfield Symphony Chorus will be joined by soloists Karen McVoy and Donald Wilkinson to perform extended selections from this passionate work, including the well-known Hallelujah Chorus. This special event program is sponsored by Monsanto Fund and Brennan College Service.

George Frideric Handel composed his *Messiah* Oratorio in less than a month in 1741, using sacred texts from the Bible assembled by his friend Charles Jennens. Divided into three parts, the Oratorio celebrates first the coming and birth of Jesus Christ, next recounts the suffering and sacrifice of his life and death and his transcendence to triumphant resurrection, and finally exults with a glorified testament of faith and hope for eternal salvation. Full of majestic orchestrations and richly emotional vocal harmonies and arias, it is no wonder *Messiah* continues to bring audiences to their feet today as it did when it debuted in Ireland more than 200 years ago.

For this special performance of *Messiah*, Symphony Hall's stage will be filled with the full orchestra and over 100 members of the Springfield Symphony Chorus, prepared by Choral Director Lucinda Thayer. Now in its 46th season, the Chorus draws talent from all over the Pioneer Valley, including some who have been with the group for more than 35 years. The Chorus will also be joining the Orchestra on February 9th, 1991 for works by Mozart and Britten, and the large-scale performance of Mahler's *Resurrection* Symphony on May 11th, 1991. The Chorus will present its annual recital at Trinity Church in Springfield on April 7th, 1991, conducted by Lucinda Thayer.

Soprano Karen P. McVoy performed with Maestro Harvey this summer at the Berkshire Choral Festival for Bach's Mass in B minor, then went on to the Federal Republic of Germany where she has spent the fall with Eifler Opera. Among her many opera credits, Ms. McVoy spent three seasons with Opera San Jose, and has performed with the Houston Grand Opera and New York's Amato Opera.

Previously, Baritone Donald Wilkinson has sung with Maestro Harvey and the SSO for Tippet's *A Child of Our Time* and at the Berkshire Theatre Festival this past summer. Mr. Wilkinson recently completed a Fellowship at Tanglewood, and is a regular soloist with Emmanuel Music. He has performed with the orchestras of Pittsburgh and Vermont, as well as the Handel & Haydn Society, New England Bach Festival and John Oliver Chorale.

Tickets for *Messiah* are priced from \$5-\$28 and are on sale now at the Symphony Box Office in Baystate West of Springfield, or can be charged by phone at (413) 733-2291. Group, senior and student discounts are available, and gift certificates can be purchased for holiday gifts.

This performance is made possible in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and the Business Friends of the Arts.

One-Act Plays Sponsored By Ag. Arts Council

The Agawam Arts & Humanities Council is having a special First Friday Series program on Friday, December 7th, at 7:30 p.m., in the Agawam High School Auditorium. "An Evening of One-Act Plays" will be presented.

The shows are from the Ethel and Albert comedy series by Peg Lynch, which are little slices of life we can all identify within our own every day comedies. The "Fishing Hat," about a wife throwing away her husband's favorite hat; "To Open Pry Cover," concerning a jar of pickles; and "Just a Little Something for Christmas," are the three vignettes.

The shows will star John Butler of Agawam, Cathy Metcalf of Westfield, David Bovat of West Springfield, and Gary Pelzer of Springfield.

The evening will be completed by a short, but very funny, comedy by Gary Apple, called "When God Comes for Breakfast, You Don't Burn the Toast!" This will star Bob Laviolet of Belchertown, Michelle Brochu of Westfield, and Bob Heimann of Feeding Hills. Bob Sands will direct the shows.

The public is invited free of charge. Funding is provided by the Agawam Arts & Humanities Council through a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

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China Lags Far Behind In Western Fashion

In some ways China is still very far behind the West in fashion and style. This is immediately apparent by the incredible abundance of polyester, acrylic, acetate and other man-made fibers that seem to dominate the fashion scene (the ultimate fashion taboo by many Americans' viewpoint).

Out of these fashions comes fabrics in a variety of qualities and textures from the shiniest, slipperiest nylon jersey, to the heaviest bullet-proof doubleknits. These fabrics are usually available in a vast assortment of unusual color combinations, prints, and patterns.

Although the older generation still seems to prefer the more conservative shades of black, brown, navy, and gray, the younger consumers wear patterns and colors that are more expressive.

In the larger cities, the clothing styles are almost entirely Western. Very few traces of traditional Chinese dress can be found outside the tourist shops, but silhouettes are not always cut in the most flattering ways. Most suits are worn rather ill-fit; skirt lengths tend to be at a non-descript length of short or long; and the Chinese fashion designers have yet to discover the miraculous wonder of shoulder pads.

Silhouettes themselves don't change much to indicate whether the style is dressy or casual. The key is the "ornamentation factor." Oftentimes an item of clothing is classified as "dressy" merely by the quantity of embroidery, sequins, beads, fringe, appliques, rhinestones and/or fur on the surface (sometimes all together).

A "special occasion" necktie may be embellished with a giant rose panda, an item seen only in the United States on Father's Day.

When it comes to footwear, regardless of whether it is men or women, the popular shoes have some substantial form of heel on the back and is somewhat reminiscent of a 1970's discotheque. Additionally, whether the temperature is 100°F or not, nylon knee high or ankle stockings are worn by all. Women usually wear some shade of beige/brown knee-high stockings, while the men generally opt for the navy blue ankle socks.

The styles are all definitely Western, but in a way it seems that Chinese fashion reflects an era gone by that hasn't come around to "golden oldie" status yet.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This continues a series written by Richard Femmel of Feeding Hills, who is now teaching at the Chinese Mercantile University in Shanghai.

This Week At The Movies

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

—The Nutcracker Prince

If you're thinking about introducing your youngsters to Tchaikovsky's immortal *Nutcracker* fantasy, the new animated film *The Nutcracker Prince* is not the way to do it.

The animated film "adventure" is loosely—very loosely—drawn from the classic tale penned by E.T.A. Hoffmann and only "incorporates" the music of the immortal Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky.

The casting packs some big names: Kiefer Sutherland (*The Lost Boys*, *Young Guns*) as the Prince; comediienne Phyllis Diller as the Mouse Queen; Peter O'Toole as Pantaloon; and Megan Follows (*Anne of Green Gables*) as the young heroine, Clara, whose dreams are the stuff this fantasy is made of. In theory.

The animation is lackluster and one dimensional, a fact made obvious by the superior quality of other recent animated offerings from both Disney and Spielberg craftsmen and artists.

The tale, too, is not classic, it's embellished. I, on the other hand, am a purist. I want my Shakespeare and my Tchaikovsky and my *Nutcracker Suite* presented in classic, not adapted, forms.

Rather than suffer in agonizing silence throughout this cartoon, take the children and treat them (and yourself) to the real thing, as performed by (for example) the Pioneer Valley Ballet at Northampton's Academy of Music. The difference is worth it.

NOTE: The PVB production is consistently the best in the area. After more than a dozen viewings, I'll attest to the fact that I'll be there again this year...and next.

—The Rescuers Down Under

From the Disney Studios—of course—comes the wonderful sequel to *The Rescuers*, namely, *The Rescuers Down Under*.

For the current price of a movie ticket, even at the matinees, this movie is the best bet for kids of all ages. The quality of animation art is presented as only the Disney craftsmen can; wondrous backdrops, bright-eyed characters with quirky expressions; a wit, wisdom, pathos and gentleness that no other animator (save Steven Spielberg's crew of *An American Tale*) has ever been able to touch.

The Rescuers Down Under is a Christmas present for the entire family.



THE NUTCRACKER who turns into a handsome Prince in "The Nutcracker Prince."

—The Little Mermaid

When all else fails, and you're looking for fine children's films, consider also renting last year's animated megahit *The Little Mermaid*, also from Disney. It's available at most video outlets and will keep youngsters (and a few of us grandmas and grandpas) occupied after the novelty of holiday parties and gift-giving wears off.

Mid Winter Night On New Year's Eve Planned For Agawam

Mid Winter Night, the New Year's Eve celebration being held on December 31st, at various locations in the Agawam Center area is being sponsored by the Agawam Arts & Humanities Council. Music, puppetry, theater, magic, and dancing to the music of the Big Band era will be scheduled throughout the night from 6:30 to 11:40 p.m.

Admission to all events will be by badge and purchasers of a badge will be entitled to attend every

event. Seating will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Badges went on sale November 26th at the Westfield Savings Bank on Main Street on Mondays and Tuesdays, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., at the Agawam Food Mart on Fridays, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., and at the Agawam Town Hall on Wednesdays, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., and from December 17th through December 21st during regular business hours. From Thursday, December 27th, through Monday, December 31st, the

badges will be on sale at the Agawam Center Library building on Main Street, headquarters of Mid Winter Night. Badge cost will be \$1 for children, \$3 for adults, and \$5 per couple. The festivities will conclude with bell ringing and music to greet the New Year.

The committee is in need of volunteers to help staff the various programs on New Year's Eve and also in other capacities. Anyone interested in volunteering to help the Council, please call Sylvia Deliso, 786-1859.

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Education

Turkish AFS Student Adjusting To Life At Agawam High

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

John & Rosalie Dialessi of Feeding Hills sent their oldest daughter, Laura, off to the University of Massachusetts and, about the same time, became host-parents to Ozge Dursun, an American Field Service (AFS) foreign exchange graduate from Istanbul, Turkey.

The Dialessis have a second daughter, Lisa, who is a junior at Agawam High School this year. Ozge is attending AHS as a senior and will go to college next year when she returns to Turkey. Daniel Dialessi is a sixth grader at Agawam Middle School.

The Dialessi family is enjoying Ozge's stay very much. They said she created a nice balance to their home situation—"like an even trade," they joked.

In Turkey, Ozge lives with her father, Celal, mother, Ozler, and 14 year-old brother, Ozgur. "We lived on the European side of Istanbul until I was about 12," said Ozge.

"The Bosphorus Straight divides Istanbul, and it divides Europe and Asia as well. My father used to take a ferry to work each day when we lived on the other side of the European Divider. Now we live on the Asian side of Istanbul," Ozge said.

She fondly recalled learning German with her mother at a holiday club on the coast with "everything in it for German people." She said, "My father works for the firm that owns half of the Robinson Club, so they let us go there. That's where my mother and I are learning German. It's really easy to understand."

Ozge took private lessons for five years to learn English, and she speaks and writes it fluently. She said, "I had two AFS sisters from Denmark in 1988 and 1989. That's when I decided I would go somewhere (as an AFS student)."

Of course, Ozge also speaks and writes her native tongue, Turkish. "The Turkish letters are derived from the Latin alphabet, much like English. We have no 'x', 'w' or 'q', but we have 29 letters," Ozge said. The "extra ones," as Ozge phrased it, distinguish long and short vowel sounds by creating separate letters.

Feeding Hills is quite a contrast from life in Istanbul where the population has soared to 12 million people "If you include all the suburbs," Ozge said, "We have a lot of taxis and buses, and we have something very different in Istanbul. Classic cars are split in half and three rows of seats are put into it; it's like a mini-bus for travel around the city. They tell us only in Istanbul will



AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE STUDENT (AFS) Ozge Dursun is pictured with two members of her Agawam host family - Rosalie Dialessi (host mother) and Daniel (host brother). Advertiser News

photo by Jack Devine.

you see this."

She added, "At home I lived in a very crowded city with little or no houses and many apartments. Rich people lived in apartments; it seems to be the opposite here (in Agawam)."

Ozge went to a public school in Turkey. She said, "It was an all-girls' school with uniforms and very strict. The teachers came into our classroom, and the system is totally different from here. We had three majors—social sciences, science, or math classes. I took the math classes in order to pass the difficult tests for the college I wanted to attend."

Ozge was accepted at Bosphorus College, the college of her choice, for next year. "I wanted to take a course on parachuting last year, but you have to be 16; so I will join the parachuting group in my college and the rowing club. I want to learn to play the flute, too," she said.

At AHS Ozge is taking choreography, Spanish I, U.S. history, English, pottery, and the history of jazz, rock, and pop. "I thought it would be interesting to take pot-

tery. I've made little things. I enjoy painting what I think and feel, so I wanted to try pottery and see what I could do," Ozge said.

She will be able to skip two years of preparatory classes for English in college because of her year here in America. At AHS Ozge is also taking psychology during the first semester and she will take sociology during the second half of the year. In college she plans to make these two subjects her majors.

"I want to study psychology and sociology, not work as a psychologist or sociologist. I want to study abnormal people," she said.

Ozge has the basics of four languages (Turkish, English, German, and Spanish) available to help her attain her goal. She is bright and ambitious, as well as being a sensitive young woman.

As though her studies and interests were not already varied enough, she added, "I would like to ride the Interail around Europe next summer before I go back to Turkey for my college studies."

Ozge is one of three AFS students at AHS this year.

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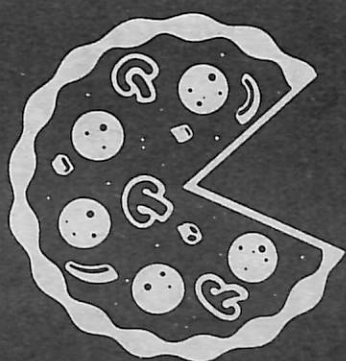
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AHS Band Students Receive Awards



AGAWAM HIGH BAND PRESIDENT Katie DeBonville holds the trophy won by the Marching Mohawks at the Annual Christmas Parade with Junior Drum Major Wayne Ball. The parade was held in Quincy. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL BAND STUDENTS who have been selected for the prestigious Western District Festival include, from left - Christine Mineo, Scott Korvek, Katie DeBonville, Brian Lepper, Gina Vergnani, and Eve Descant. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Bay Path Grads Have Success On Job Market!

Despite a depressed business climate and climbing joblessness rate, 95 percent of the graduates of the Class of 1990 at Bay Path College have landed jobs in fields of their choice. The 1990 Placement Report issued this month by the Career Services Center at Bay Path said that 127 out of 134 women were working, mostly in positions directly related to their program of study at the College. An additional 75 are continuing their education, 22 at Bay Path where they are enrolled as third-year students in new upper-division courses leading to proposed baccalaureate degrees.

This is the eighth year in a row that graduates have enjoyed such an exceptional success rate. A major reason, according to Director of Career Services Judith Cohen, is the strong support system provided by the College's Career Services Center.

Each year, Bay Path arranges on-campus interviews for graduating students, and in 1990 approximately 50 businesses ranging from major corporations, banks, retail stores and insurance companies to airlines, law firms, hospitals, and government agencies visited the College to recruit. The office also maintains a job bank that is available for graduating students as well as alumnae through their lives at no charge. In addition to employers who call seeking qualified applicants, alumnae frequently contact the office when their companies have openings.

Another avenue frequently leading to employment is Bay Path's strong internship program. According to Cohen, it is not unusual for employers to ask their interns to return after graduation for a permanent position.

Agawam Schools' Lunch Menu

Monday, December 10th: Toasted pepperoni and cheese sandwich in roll with spaghetti sauce, seasoned green beans, pineapple chunks in syrup, milk.

Tuesday, December 11th: Hamburg in roll, steamed rice, peas and carrots, mustard, relish, ketchup, peaches in syrup, or chocolate nut brownie, milk.

Wednesday, December 12th: Cheese ravioli, meatsauce, broccoli cuts, Italian bread and butter, chilled sliced pears, or jello with topping, milk.

Thursday, December 13th: Taco boat, cheese, lettuce, tomato slices, niblet corn, white cake with chocolate icing, milk.

Friday, December 14th: Crunchy fish nuggets, creamy cole slaw, oven potato puffs, tartar sauce or ketchup, ½ peanut butter sandwich, lemon pudding with topping, milk.

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GRADE 8

Patrick Arnold, Paul Arnold, Joseph Beauchemin, Spencer Beaver, Jeannette Bilodeau, Barbara Bitgood, Daniel Bodman,

Stephen Bodurtha, Monica Borgatti, Todd Boskiewicz, Christina Bousquet, Stephen Cincotta, Brian Colby, Jennifer Collins, Jennifer Cote, Jessica Crowley, Jeffrey Daigneau, Jennifer DaSilva, Dina Demarco, Brian Denardo, Michael Dutton, Frank Fila, Mark Gregor, Kristine Grych, Kristi Hermans, Brooke Hollister, Deanna Knodler.

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GRADE 7

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Agawam Middle School HONOR ROLL

GRADE 6

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Megan McHenry, Glen Meisenhelder, Bryan Menard, Marc Moccio, Kristine Modzelesky, Zachary Mouneimneh, Jeffrey Mutti, Shannon Netopski, Laurel Nunn, Michelle O'Connor, Lori O'Dea, Jeanne O'Neil, Raymond Olkowski, Christopher Olson, Patricia Olson, Jordan Page, Amber Paradysz, Diane Parslow, Jill Pavelcsyk, Tamara Peiffer, Cheryl Perkins, Kevin Perreault, Jennifer Pressey, Jessica Przybyla, Rita Reshamwala.

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Rovithis, Bridget Rust, Nicole Schutt, Melanie Serra, Danielle Sexton, Megan Shannon, Edward Shibley, Meredith Siana, Krista Sirois, Richard Skowrya, Nicholas Solecki, Jennifer Stratton, Brian Swenson, Lori Swikalus, Kevin Tampone, Kristin Trauschke, Melissa Troie, Christopher Twarkins, Melissa Weinle, Steven Wheeler, Leah Zurlino.

GRADE 5

Katherine Anderson, Katherine Antaya, Kadeline Barrington, Heidi Benton, Sarc Bonini, Robert Bousquet, Karen Brac-

cialarghe, Irene Brown, Adolfo Bruno, Jody Bulat, Tracy Butler, Jaime Callahan, David Cassanelli, Mara Cavanaugh, Kevin Cawley, Geoffrey Ciak, Carolyn Clini, Amber Conte, Ashley Corbin, John Cordis, Kevin Cornwell, Jonathan Couture, James Crowley, Michael Daigneau, Jessica Degray, Lonnie Deluca, Jill Demarco, Aimee Devall, Jessica Dickson, Stefanie Domaingue, Sara Drenzek.

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SADD Program At Agawam High Busy With Holiday Projects

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

The Agawam High School (SADD) Students Against Driving Drunk are busy with two projects for the holiday season.

With approximately 50 members this year, SADD has begun making ornaments for the Giving Tree, a project sponsored by Milton Bradley. In exchange for each ornament, Milton Bradley will donate one gift to a disadvantaged child through three charitable organizations.

SADD Advisor Cathy Hallaman, R.N., said that membership last year was about 45 students. AHS Assistant Principal Gabriel Charest, also a SADD Advisor, was pleased membership had again grown upward this year.

Mrs. Hallaman told us, "I think we are making a difference at this level with all the programs on drugs and alcohol."

Prevention and Intervention programs such as D.A.R.E., Here's Looking At You 2000, Agawam Student Assistance Program (A.S.A.P.), and Guidance Counselor Judy Cohen's in-school support group at AHS, along with home/school adjustment counselors and guidance counselors, are all attributing to a positive impact on Agawam youth, according to Mrs. Hallaman.

Groups such as SADD, Peer Leadership, and the Agawam Junior High's Non-Users Club keep growing each year, she noted.

SADD secretary **Kim Macey** is a junior at AHS this year. Four years ago her father, Officer Wayne Macey, began instruction in the Agawam Middle School with D.A.R.E., and he now trains D.A.R.E. officers throughout the state.

Shannon Scarlett, also a junior, is SADD president this year. The group plans to have a guest speaker later in the year. Last year Mary McEwan of MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) spoke in December.

SADD will soon be kicking off its "Red Ribbon Campaign" (as last year) to help remind students not to drink and drive or not to ride with a driver who has been drinking. They hope that each time someone ties a bow around a present they will think about tying a ribbon on their car and remember not to drink and drive.

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AGAWAM HIGH SADD students Dianna McCormick and Gail Greany (standing) and Sarah Hufland and Shannon Scarlett (seated) work on holiday projects, which include making Christmas decorations for the Giving Tree at Baystate West. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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AHS Guidance Has Financial Aid Night Dec. 19

The high school guidance department will sponsor their Annual Financial Aid Night on Wednesday, December 19th, at 7:00 p.m., in the high school cafeteria. Featured speaker will be Dr. Lee Sirois, director of Financial Aid at American International College. Dr. Sirois will outline the FAF (Financial Aid Form) which will be available to parents that night.

In addition to Dr. Sirois, Lynn Slattery, student loan manager from Heritage Bank for Savings, will describe the various kinds of loans available to students and parents for their financial planning. Other material

regarding financial aid will be available.

It is imperative that parents understand that in order to receive financial aid from any institution of higher learning, a financial aid form (FAF) must be filed. The FAF may be completed and mailed anytime after January 1st, 1991 **no earlier**. Most colleges strongly advise that the FAF be filed no later than March 1st, 1991.

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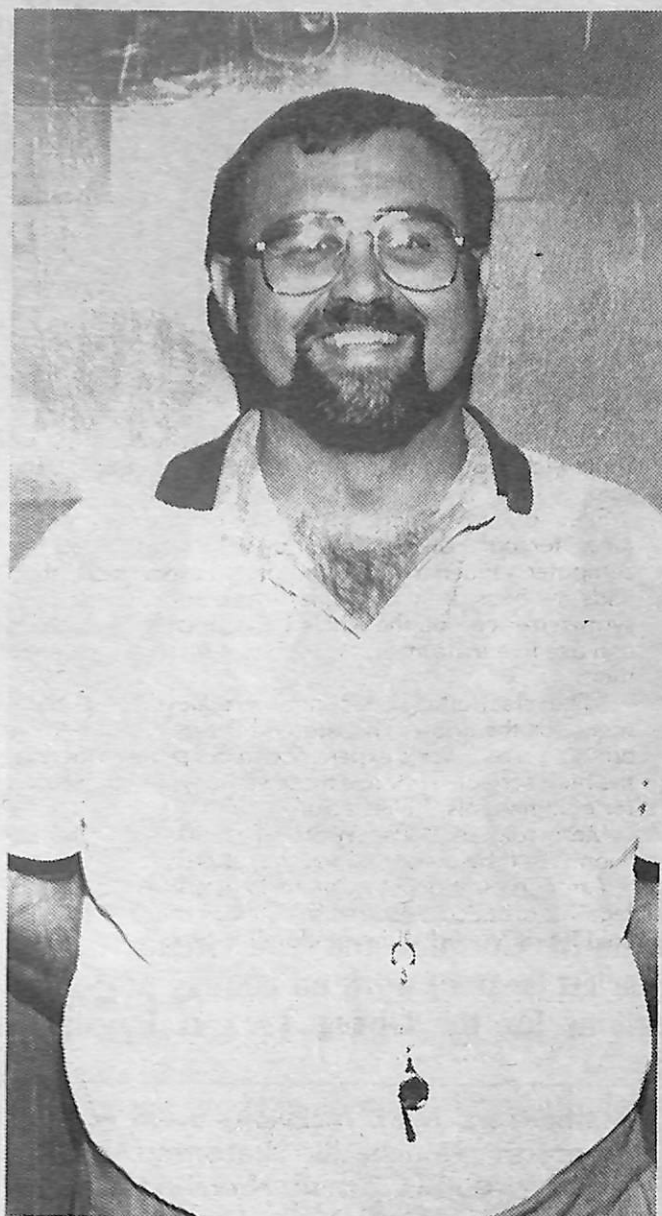


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Educator of the Month...

Kirk Parker Just Loves His Job!!!

by Iris Copson
School Dept. EditorELEMENTARY PHYSICAL EDUCATOR
teacher Kirk Parker. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Kirk Parker has been a physical education instructor since 1974 when he graduated from Springfield College. He came to teach at Agawam his first year and has been here straight through.

"My dad (Douglas Parker) was a professor at Springfield College for 35 years and just retired last spring," said Parker. "He was a wrestling coach as well."

Children at Robinson Park Elementary School seem to love being around this gentle man. Not only do they enjoy the class, the physical activities he designs for them, but they seem to look for reasons to be close to this man of presence. One young girl even claimed she was cold and asked to wear his soccer jacket. To students, Parker is charismatic.

"Since coming to Agawam, I have been at Robinson. I also worked at Granger until Danahy School closed. Now, Paul Bachine works at Granger five days a week. I worked at Peirce School for one year, along with Robinson. And since Peirce closed I have been going to Clark on Fridays. Debra Lickley also works at Clark and she works at Phelps," said Parker.

He has been involved in the schools' Adelphi Program for several reasons and he went through the C.A.P.P. (Child Assault Prevention Program) training this year. "The positive self-image and trying to help all the kids feel good about themselves is incorporated in gym," he said.

"When Proposition 2½ came along, we had to make some choices. We used to run a Gym Show at Agawam High School as well as our Fourth Grade Field Day, but we had to decide which one we would eliminate because of lack of funds.

It's been nearly 10 years since we've had a Gym Show. We would have the fourth and fifth grades on different nights and the families were invited. The kids demonstrated different physical education activities. It was modeled after the Springfield College Gymnastics

Team each year.

"Field Day is run by volunteer students from the boys' and girls' track teams at the high school. We have all the fourth graders in town and it's usually late May or early June. We had to hire a policeman for the Gym Show," Parker said.

He coached the Agawam football freshman team for 13 years and the Enfield High School wrestling team in Enfield for 17 years. Parker also coaches the seventh and eighth grade Agawam Warriors Suburban Football team that began last year.

He said, "This was our second season and this year we won that division."

Parker enjoys his work. He said, "I think there is a chance for each kid to feel good about him or herself in the physical education program. There is a chance for them to shine and a chance to do well and find something they can enjoy. It is an excellent opportunity for kids to develop their social skills (relating to other kids and giving and taking)."

He added, "I highly recommend it as a career. Teaching elementary physical education is a joy. The kids are so energetic and so enthusiastic."

An Agawam resident, Parker has two sons who went through Robinson School. Presently both boys attend Agawam Junior High School. His son, Derek, is in seventh grade and Kirk, Jr., is in eighth grade.

As children shouted with glee during a game of North-South Wind (during this interview), the noise volume in the school gymnasium seemed to become almost deafening.

Out of curiosity, we asked Parker if, indeed, this didn't bother him to be with this pitch throughout the day? He didn't hesitate a reply with a smile perched on his lips, "What?"

Adult Registration Classes
At Agawam High In January

Registration for classes in the Agawam Adult Education Program will be held on Monday, January 7th, and Wednesday, January 9th, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., in the main office of Agawam High School. The registration fee is \$30 per course. Classes begin January 14th, 1991 and run through April 1st, 1991.

In case of inclement weather and class is cancelled, a make-up date will be determined by the administration. The administration reserves the right to cancel a course(s) if there is insufficient enrollment and registration fees will be fully refunded.

Classes are offered for those students who wish to pursue a high school diploma. It is imperative that these students bring with them (at the time of registration) any history of previous high school work.

The following is a list of courses that will be offered during the second semester. The day, time of the meeting of each course, and school location will be given at the time of registration.

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Junior High Concert Season Begins Dec. 11th

The Agawam Junior High Schol concert season will begin this year on Tuesday, December 11th, at 7:00 p.m., with the "Festival Of Song" presented by the seventh grade and eighth/ninth grade choruses. These singers under the direction of Susan C. Brown, will present a variety of music. In addition to the usual English fare, there will also be songs in German, Native American, Swahili, and Latin. There will be songs for fun, songs with a message, songs of the season, and songs for sing-along.

On Wednesday, December 12th, at 7:00 p.m., the Agawam Junior High School bands will present their "Winter Concert." This event will feature the Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, and the Jazz Lab Band under the

direction of Tamara Watson. The band concert, complete with a seasonal flare, will begin at 7:00 p.m.

In reply to the plea from local emergency aid shelters, the performing groups at the Junior High School will be sponsoring a Food Drive during their concerts. In addition to the \$2 charge for adults and students with no adult supervision, the groups are asking their audience members to contribute a can of vegetables, soup, juice, or a box of pasta. These contributions will then be delivered to the Loaves and Fishes kitchen in Springfield and the Open Pantry in West Springfield. Please join these groups in making this the Giving Season as they celebrate with their winter concerts.

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Agawam High Senior Marc Scortino Whiz At New Computer Sequencer In Music Dept.

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Marc Scortino, a senior at Agawam High School, is probably familiar to you if you're a local resident that has attended any theatre or musical performance at AHS over the past few years.

"I love performing," said Marc. "My first show at AHS was when I was in eighth grade and helped out with the Fall Top 40 Show. In ninth grade I did 'Guys and Dolls'. In 10th grade Show Choir I played the synthesizer for *Cats* which won a lot of awards."

Marc also took theatre classes in his sophomore year and is again involved in drama as a senior. In his junior year he received a supporting role in "*Romeo and Juliet*" and performed with the Show Choir in "*Fame*."

Music instructor and Show Choir Director Steve Files told us, "We are beginning to get state-of-the-art equipment produced in the last 10 years that can be used in a lot of musical applications. With our new computer sequencer we can create 16 different parts for musical instruments. The computer can be worked up to a number of electronic synthesizer which can produce all kinds of instrumental sounds such as the guitar, piano, or drums."

"Marc is greatly enhanced by this equipment. It allows talent to do a lot more. We can now allow people to become better musicians because they can put instrument sounds together and learn the process of

putting it all together," noted Files.

Marc began piano lessons in fifth grade. "I took classical piano for three years, and that was about it for my formal training," he said.

"I was in a professional wedding band called 'Northern Lights' for the past three years. We also played at Bernadinos in Chicopee and the Northwoods Inn of Southwick, but right now we're taking a break," Marc said.

Files added, "Marc produced eight pre-recorded tunes for our Fall Top 40 Show this year. Using the computer sequencer, Marc creates a piano tract, then adds the bass drum and other instrument sounds. The synthesizer can be the whole band or orchestra, or we can use live instruments like guitar, with the sequence tunes."

"The electronic music class produced eight track tapes for the show. This state-of-the-art equipment is bringing a real world experience to our program here at the high school. They use these same types of pretapes for commercials," Files said.

Marc told us, "The Winter Top 40 is coming up soon. We'll be preparing for that shortly."

After graduation, Marc plans to attend Syracuse College for broadcast journalism (in communication). He said he may study "the production aspect of it."



AGAWAM HIGH SENIOR Marc Scortino practices on the keyboards. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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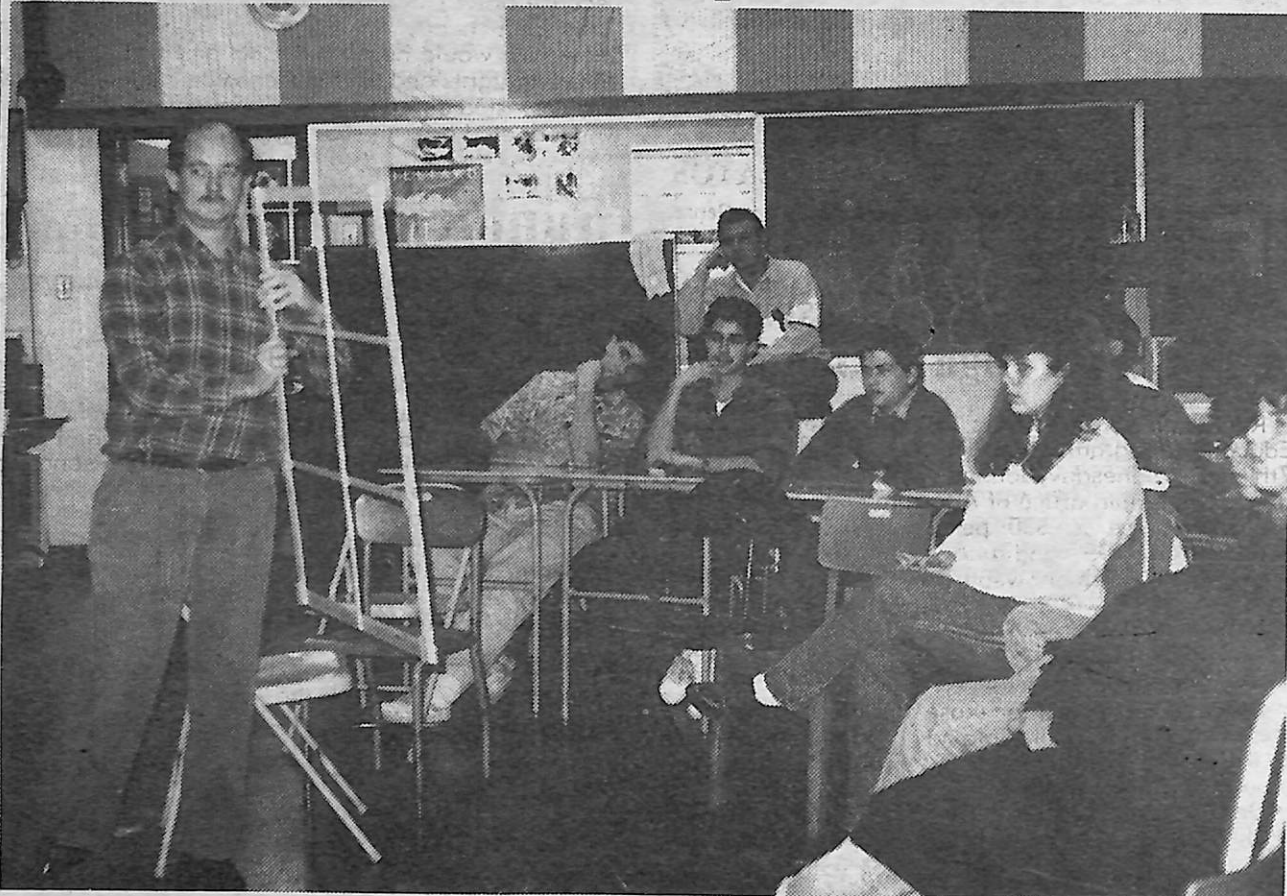
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AHS Winter Sports Preview

It's Hard To Believe - 4-Time WMass Mat Champs Probably Better This Year

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Economics. Anybody with a lick of common sense knows that the state of Massachusetts has been in economic disarray since our beloved governor started talking about miracles in his Presidential bid several years ago. Even some of the strongest companies have not survived this slump.

Take, for instance, the Agawam Wrestling Factory. Despite steamrolling everything and everyone in its path a year ago, it had to shutdown last March. Now, they have a new flooring surface (yes, new mats on the floor because they wore out the old ones); a fresh coat of paint on the walls; and, since the Monday after Turkey Day, the Factory has been open for business.

Luckily, they got a few jobs to do and they are anxious to accomplish them. The foreman of the Factory, Phil Tomkiel, knows the quality work that the Agawam Factory has done in the past, and he is always concerned that they might price themselves out of the marketplace and be left with no jobs on the agenda.

They start with a small job when they will work on Ludlow (December 12th). They go into a bit tougher assignments following the Lions as they host Quincy, Xaverian, and Longmeadow on December 22nd, and the Annual Christmas Tournament on the 27th at Agawam High School.

Those first four paragraphs are tongue-in-cheek, of course. The Agawam High Wrestling Factory didn't get laid off in March. Its season simply ended. But, anybody who follows that sport wishes the season could go on forever.

Year in and year out, the Brownie grapplers manhandle each and every opponent in Western Massachusetts. Grind them up and spit them out. Last season, Agawam crowned its first individual New England champion, Frank DeMarinis, and he will return as a senior to try and defend that lofty title.

Assistant coach Gary Geiger is extremely enthused about this year's team: "I think we will be even better than the team that lost the state crown by just a half-point last season. We have more kids returning than usual, and I know that a couple of kids are just going to absolutely dominate this year. It is going to be a lot of fun."

Most coaches and most teams do not talk like that. They may think those things, but would never want to utter them in pre-season. Of course, most coaches don't get to work with the type of talent with which the Brownies have been blessed.

Another thing working in the Agawam corner this year is geography. They will travel to Chelmsford on January 12th for the Commonwealth Cup, and that is the only heavy travelling required this season. The Western Mass. Championship and the State Tournament will be held at Central High in Springfield this year. That can only increase Agawam's chances of winning the State Title that eluded them last year.

Are you up for a paragraph of stats? The Brownies are 66-1 in their last 67 dual meets. They have won 23

straight dating back to an opening-night loss to Quabbin in 1988. They have seven returning lettermen this season from a group that had 12 of 13 weight divisions represented at the State Tournament a year ago. They had three Western Mass. Champions a year ago, a State Champ, and a New England Champ. They have won Western Mass. four years running. These kids and coaches are the real deal.

Tomkiel admits that he plans on winning an unprecedented fifth straight Western Mass. Championship: "We have so many returning kids that have the mat time, the confidence, and the talent to repeat. We have 30 kids returning from last year (55 overall), and we should do extremely well."

"A state title is not beyond the realm of possibility, but we'll wait and see how we fare in the Quadrangular (Xaverian, Quincy) and the Commonwealth Cup before we handicap the states. We draw tough Brockton in the first round of the Commonwealth Cup, and that should tell us a lot about ourselves."

The Commonwealth Cup features the top eight teams in the state from the previous year and takes place in Chelmsford, a northern Massachusetts town.

So, the Factory is up and running. It plans on doing a lot of business this year. The locals also plan on putting other factories out of business. If their track record is any indication, that Factory whistle will keep on blowing into the early part of March again...and perhaps beyond.

Can Conte & Brownies "Threepeat" In 1990-91? If So, There's Tons Of Work To Be Done!

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Last season, Agawam High School gave us one special sports treat after another. One of those treats came in the person of coach Lou Conte and his girls' basketball team. They warmed the winter for Brownie fans everywhere by blasting everything that moved in Western Massachusetts.

For starters, they made mincemeat of regular season foes as they slashed through a 20-0 regular season. The tournament posed no difficulty either as they moved the mark to 23-0 picking up the Western Mass. crown. They finally ran into a Fitchburg team that was every bit as tough (though not nearly as talented) and they dropped a 55-51 decision in the State Semi-Finals at the Springfield Civic Center. Agawam was terrific; no other way to put it.

On the Monday following Thanksgiving, Conte was back out there ready to begin a new year. "Bob, I'm telling you, it is forgotten. We have to start over." But coach, you have most of the kids back; won't we see more of the same?

"I'll tell you this, we will be ready to play every

game. We tell our kids that we can't control the ball going into the basket, but we can control effort and we certainly don't expect a letdown in that area.

"You must remember, we lost a lot of speed and experience to graduation. We lost outside shooting and court generals. We have to build those areas back up, but that is why we are out here."

Conte expects the opposition to be much tougher in Western Mass. this year, and rightfully so. Northampton and Cathedral will return five starters. Cathedral didn't have a senior on their squad a year ago. Agawam beat Cathedral in the Western Mass. Finals in 1990. Northampton came as close as anybody in beating the Brownies a year ago.

Amherst played Agawam in a couple of barnburners last year and four of their starters will return. Longmeadow also returns four starters, including 1,000-point scorer Tammi Butler. Southwick will come to town on the first Friday night of the season

(December 14th) and they'll bring Parade All-American Rebecca Lobo into the Agawam gymnasium. There's lots of work for the Agawam girls to do this year.

The Brownies are two-time defending Western Mass. champions in the sport and they will also have to deal with the fact that each and every team will be "up" for each and every game.

Conte is very concerned about the "numbers" game associated with the sport. Despite all the recent success, only 15 girls signed up for basketball this season. Why, coach? "Winning doesn't necessarily breed winning. It might make a youngster say, 'How in the world am I going to play for that time, they win all the time; I must not be good enough.' It is a delicate thing." Well, what's the answer, coach? "Simply, we'll have to keep the enthusiasm going at the youth levels, get the kids interested and keep them interested."

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AHS WINTER SPORTS PREVIEW - continued...**Martin To Field Very Young Hoop Team This Winter**

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Senior Night took quite a while last year for the 1989-90 edition of the Agawam High boys' basketball team. One by one they came onto the court and got their carnation. Their mother came from the stands and pinned it on them. It signified the end of their winter sports career as a Brownie.

Coach Mike Martin stood and watched the proceedings. It couldn't have been much fun to say goodbye to the dominant area big man, a speedy point guard, a couple of defensive stalwarts, some good role players, and the end of an era. "High school sports go in cycles," Martin told the AAN. "We are simply entering a new cycle this season. This is my sixth year and we are starting our third cycle. First it was the Petersen cycle, then the Wooley cycle, and now..."

Now, Martin is faced with the "youngest team I've ever coached." Agawam will field a team consisting of only three seniors in 1990-91. Seventeen players will make up the junior varsity and varsity squads, and nine of those are tenth graders.

Agawam faces a devastating early-season schedule. The first 10 games (as always) will consist of the city teams (Cathedral, Central, Putnam, and Commerce), along with tough tilts against Amherst (twice), Northampton, Holyoke, and East Longmeadow. The final 10 games of the season are against Valley Wheel League opponents.

"I really like the set-up. I think it works to our advantage. It gives us time to learn about our ballclub and lets us experience our growing pains. We can find out who can do what under heavy pressure. We should be ready to play a quality period of basketball by the time our league schedule rolls around (January 2nd at West Side)," Martin says confidently.

Martin has brought Agawam to the playoff tournament four times in his five-year stint as head coach for the Brownies. He has won the State Tournament several times as coach of the Commerce High team, and has only missed the tournament once in his entire career (which spans the better part of two decades). "Oh, we fully expect to make the tournament this season, too. There are two ways to get into the thing. First, if we can win 12 of our 20 ballgames, we get in automatically. Otherwise, you can get into the post-season by coming in first or second in our league. I believe we can do that."

The training camp is a coach's dream. Martin is very excited about the 10th-grade talent which is led by 6'6" Brendan Gallagher. "This kid has a lot to learn, but he has the physical tools. He shoots left-handed, which is difficult to defend at this level. We'll get him some court time and work on the little things, and he'll really help us as the process goes along." Jason Blackburn, Joe Gaylor, and Tom Briggs are three other

sophomores who could make the grade for Martin and the Brownies this year.

The three seniors (tri-captains Todd Hyland, Mike Pelligrino, and Brett Boskiewicz) all return from last year's playoff team. Hyland and Pelligrino will play in the backcourt, and Boskiewicz will work on one of the wings.

Martin expects an all-out effort from the kids during the training camp. "Everything is wide-open. So many of the jobs are available, so it's natural that the kids work even harder. So far, there have been no disappointments in the area of effort and hard work, and I expect that trend to continue. They have been most enjoyable for the coaching staff." Dean Vecchiarelli returns to coach the junior varsity team.

The Brownies will play a run and jump type of defense as in past years. They hope to disrupt any continuity that the opponent might have built and, of course, Agawam will be looking to get some easy ones on the offensive end after quick defensive stops.

Late in the season a year ago, Hyland led a crew of long-range bombers that propelled AHS into the playoffs. "That's still a problem area for us. Hyland is the only proven outside shooter that we have. Still, he's streaky. The rest of the kids...well, we'll just have to wait and see. It should be a very interesting season and I am excited."

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Winter Sports Preview - continued...**AHS Swimmers Looking To Stay Above Water**

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High swim team will kick off the winter sports season for the Brownies as they get a one-day jump on the basketball, wrestling, and hockey teams. Agawam will host Central High at the Junior High pool on Tuesday, December 11th.

Coach Dave Smith returns again to head the Brownie boy swimmers. Smith is happy to have another season with some "numbers" on his side. Swimming is becoming more and more a sport of depth, and Agawam is beginning to have enough kids to pick up those second- and third-place points that can be the difference in close meets.

Eighteen swimmers and divers will hit the water for the Agawam club this season. Led by senior captains Jeff Lewis and Scott Russell, the Brownies hope to rebound from an abysmal won-loss record of a year ago.

"We did lose Brian Schmeklis and Chris Paltz to graduation, but we do have experience coming back this season. Schmeklis and Paltz did a lot of our scoring last season and they will be missed," said Smith. "However, we have high hopes that our young kids will pick up the slack. We now have the numbers to keep the meets closer, make ourselves more competitive."

Tony Leger returns and the senior diver has his sights set on a top-six finish in Western Massachusetts. The Brownies will also have the services of several swimmers who missed last season due to injury. Jeff Lewis missed last season due to a broken arm and senior Matt Dessereau had to sit out with knee problems. Both will be in the lineup this season, and Smith looks for big contributions from each of those two seniors.

Sean McFarland, a transfer student, will compete in freestyle events for Agawam. Smith is also hoping that Aaron Orsucci, John Kielbasa, Andrew David, and Steve Lewis can put points on this year's scoreboard.

"The kids are working hard to get into shape in pre-season," Smith added. "But, it's not all hard work so far. We do have a little incentive for the kids that we didn't have previously. The MIAA has added a new event this year, the 4 x 50 200 free relay, and that means that we will definitely set a new record in the first meet. The kids are all jockeying for position and trying to swim their fastest 50 to get in on the new record! That should make the last days of training a lot of fun!"

GIRLS' HOOP - From Page 52...

Don't cry for Agawam, though. They'll have some kids in uniform that wear them pretty nicely in 1990-91. They definitely have a lot of things going for them. For openers, try Joy Clark. This back-court terror was the Western Mass. Tournament MVP a year ago. A precise outside shooter and the top defensive player in the area, Clark should be even better this season.

She'll have help in the front court from veteran Lisa Suffriti, who scored very well on the baseline last year, and sophomore Kim Trudel, who more than held her own in the pivot as a left-handed center as a freshman last season.

Conte got a bonus this year when Trisha Phelps, a senior, transferred in. "She could help a lot once she learns our system." Stephanie Mason, a sophomore, is ready to take on more responsibility in the backcourt. Laura Bielitz saw limited action last season and she returns along with Sheila and Maura Martin. Cindy Stone, a 6'0" freshman, and Amy Marcotte round out the squad.

"Some people think I'm corny," says Conte, "but we build this thing slowly. We add one piece of the puzzle every day and we constantly give the kids things to read that talk about team unity, togetherness, and getting along. We don't talk about wins and losses; we talk about doing things correctly and working hard, and everything else takes care of itself."

Agawam taps it off against rival West Springfield on the road (December 12th). It will be opening night, and the Brownies will be undefeated going on. So will West Springfield because last year is forgotten...

BOYS' HOOP - From Page 53...

Martin knows that he'll have to squeeze every ounce of talent from this year's team to qualify for the tournament. He would love to get the kids a sniff of the big prize, but he's also looking ahead. "Yes, this could be a nice beginning for us. If the talent of the sophomore class develops as we hope they will, we believe that in a year or two, we will challenge for the Western Mass. title. We really do."

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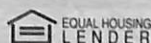
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AHS WINTER SPORTS PREVIEW - continued...

LaZazzera Hoping 1990-91 Ice Season Puts AHS Hockey Back in Berry Division Picture

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Interest is beginning to rise again for the Agawam High hockey team. Thirty kids showed up this season for tryouts and 22 of them made the squad.

Second-year coach Mike LaZazzera is hoping to improve on last year's 5-9-4 record and is enthused about dealing with the 1990-91 edition of the Brownie skaters.

He intends to ride the "hot" goaltender and see what happens. Early in camp, sophomore Mike Montessi has the early lead, but the coach feels that both junior Bryan Hollister and sophomore Jason Rocca can step in at any time. "We re-evaluate after every game and practice. The guy who is doing the job for us gets to keep it until he loses it and that's that. It makes for great competition."

LaZazzera contends that he has 22 players who get along with one another very well, and he expects that the good attitude displayed by his squad will be one of the strengths of the team. "We communicate well and that is very important in this game."

What did the coach learn in his rookie season? "I think that I have to be even more basic than I was last year. You can break this game down to such simple segments and I have to remember that. Simple things like passing, we're spending a lot of time on them and these drills will come back to make us a better team."

His biggest concern is the team's scoring punch.

Agawam lost some scorers from last year's team, and Laz feels that this year's group will have to be a "little more hungry" when they cruise near the opponent's goal.

Agawam has had scrimmages against St. Peter Marian (Worcester) and Easthampton and came up short on both occasions—on the scoreboard. "I was encouraged by some of the things that we saw out there. I believe that we just ran out of time in both scrimmages. We will be a very competitive team."

Where will the scoring come from when it does come? Laz looks for junior Ben Benton and Craig Waryasz to score some goals, along with freshman Eric Mastroianni and junior Jeff Perrault.

Defensively, Laz is a little more satisfied with his troops. Led by seniors John Liquori and Dave Piacentini and junior Kevin Fleury, the Agawam blue line should be in pretty capable hands.

A realignment in the Berry Division makes Agawam work just a tad harder this year. They'll face Cathedral, Westfield, West Springfield, Amherst, and Minnechaug three times each in divisional play. They'll play out of conference against South Hadley (season opener December 12th at 7:30 p.m.), Putnam, and Ludlow.

LaZazzera thinks there is a parity in the Berry Division and think that his team will be right in there fighting in each contest.

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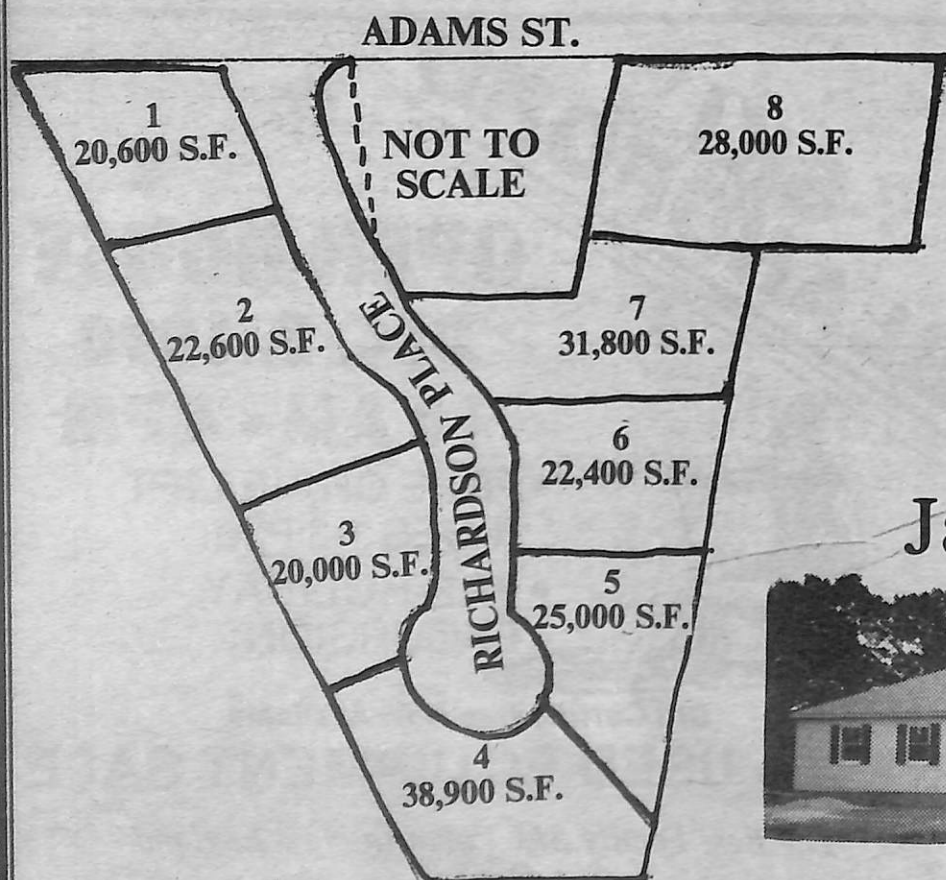


FORMER AGAWAM HIGH SOCCER PLAYER Brian Hollister shows he still has a good right foot during the Annual Alumni Soccer Game at Harmon Smith Field. RELATED PHOTOS ON PAGE 56. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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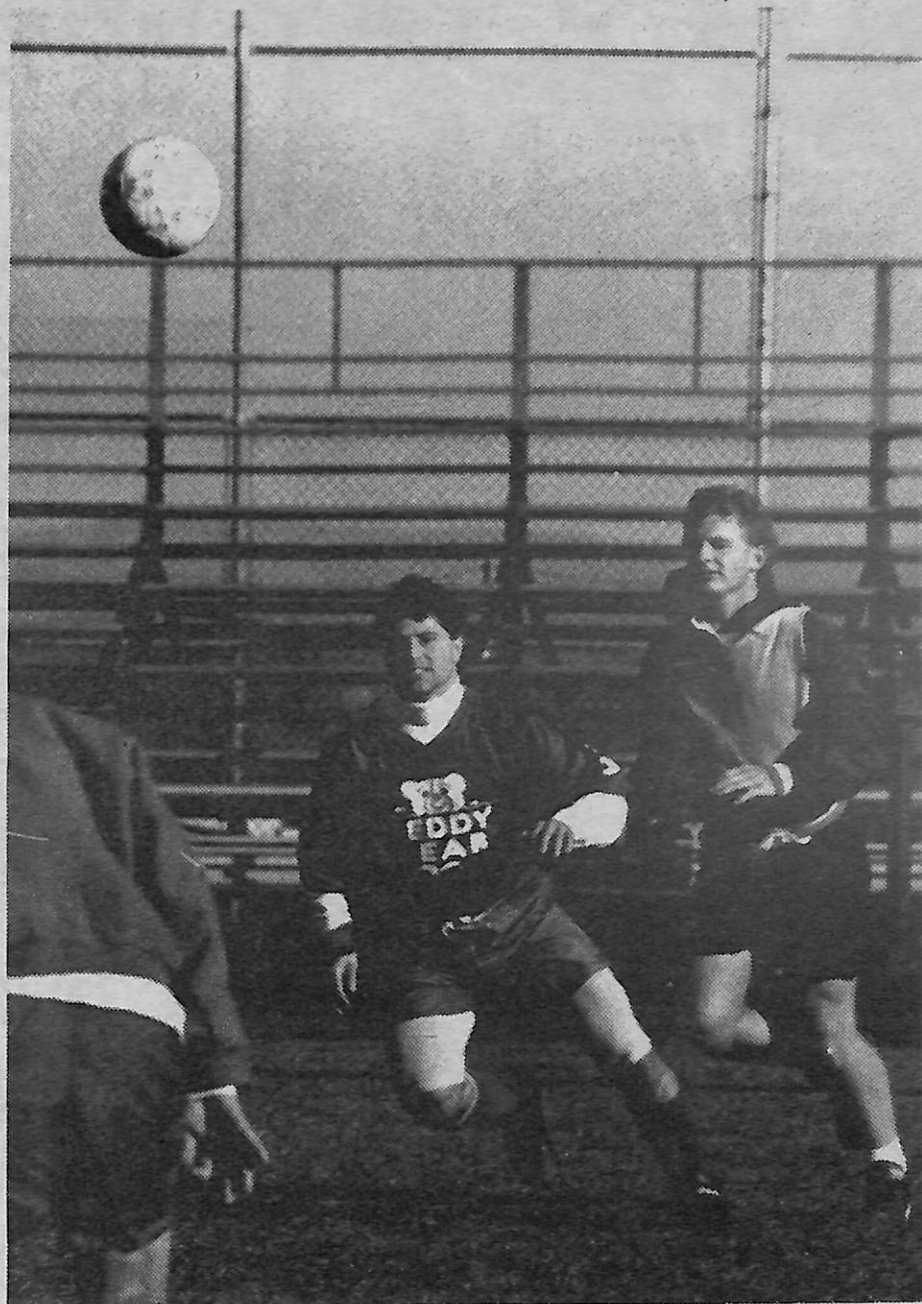
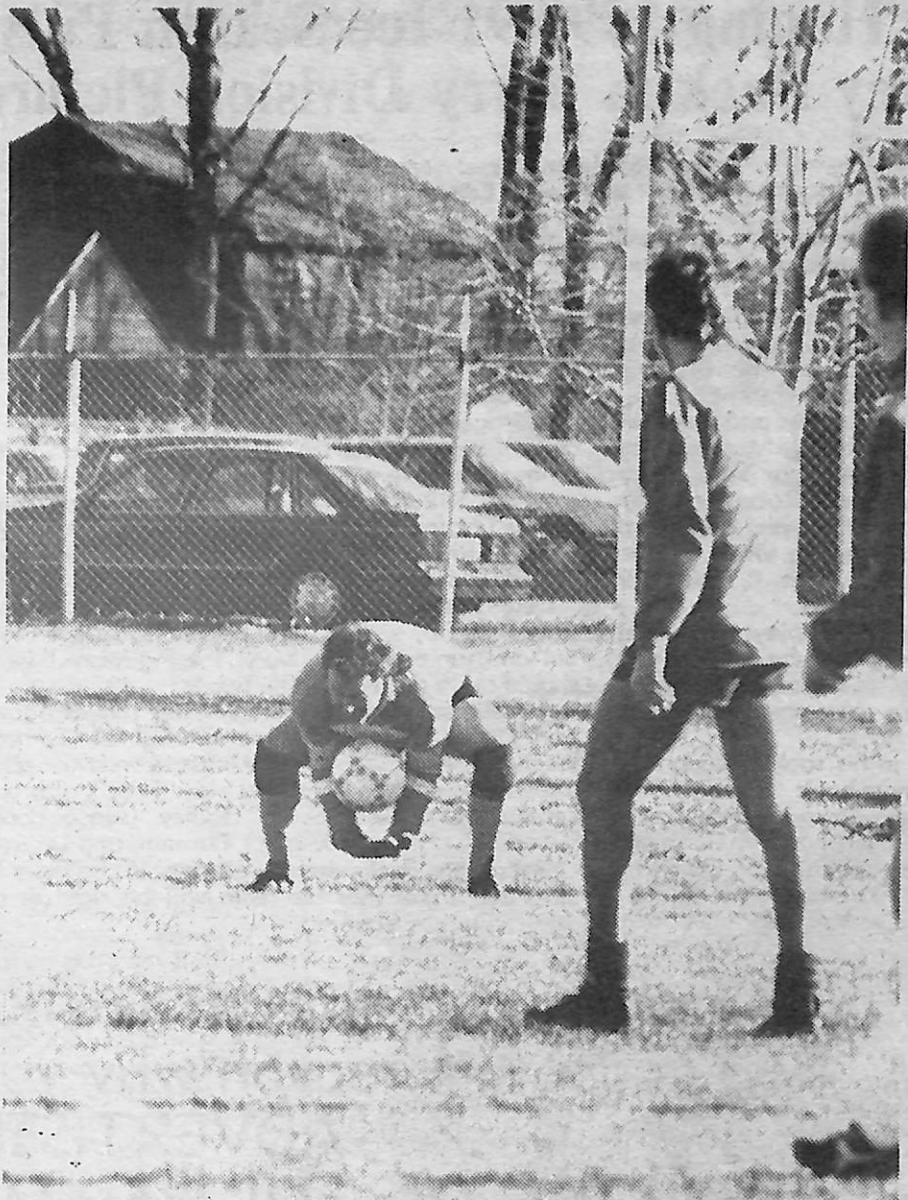
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AHS Boys' Varsity Subdue Tired Alumni, 3-1



DESPITE CLAIMS OR CHEATING AND USING VARSITY COACH DICK COWLES as a ringer, the Agawam High School Alumni Soccer Team was soundly thrashed by members of the 1990 varsity, 3-1, recently at Harmon Smith Field. The Alumni had their crying towels out in earnest when Cowles scored the varsity's first goal and the fact that the varsity goaltender was too tall and did not meet the Alumni-established height limit. Scoring goals for the varsity besides Cowles were Brian Connery and Dave Zielinski. 1986 graduate Mike McCarthy scored the Alumni's lone goal. Alumni players who participated included Wayne Graves (78), Tony Caputo (82), Bryan Boutwell (89), Doug Borgatti (70), Jack Prendergast (89), Chad Blackak (90), Marty Davilli (75), Tim Scanlon (78), Jose Vasquez (78), Brad Bassett (78), John Devine (73), Wayne Mallory (76), and the very old and worn-out former AHS soccer coach, Walt Willard (1968 to 1974). A special thanks to Mary Martin for helping to organize the Alumni Team, and to Charlie Monnier for officiating. IN PHOTO LEFT, Alumni John Devine can barely get to this ball heading for the goal as Alumni Tim Scanlon looks on; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Alumni Tony Caputo battles varsity member Bryan Connery for the ball. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Agawam High WINTER Sports Schedule

WRESTLING Site - High School

December 12th: Ludlow, Home, 7:00 p.m.
 December 19th: Commerce, Away, 4:00 p.m., JV only
 December 22nd: Quadrangular, Quincy, Xaverian, Longmeadow, Home, 1:00 p.m.
 December 27th: Christmas Tournament, 10:00 a.m.
 January 2nd: East Longmeadow, Away, 7:00 p.m.
 January 5th: Southwick, Home, 1:00 p.m.
 January 9th: Cathedral, Away, 6:30 p.m.
 January 12th: Commonwealth Cup, 12:00 noon at Chelmsford
 January 19th: Westfield, Away, 1:00 p.m.
 January 23rd: West Springfield, Home, 7:00 p.m.
 January 26th: Frontier, Away, 1:00 p.m.
 January 30th: Longmeadow, Away, 7:00 p.m.
 February 1st: Putnam, Away, 3:30 p.m.
 February 6th: Central, Home, 7:00 p.m.
 February 15th & 16th: West. Mass. Tournament at Central
 February 22nd & 23rd: State Tournament at Central
 March 1st & 2nd: New England Tournament

HOCKEY Site - Coliseum

December 12th: South Hadley, Away, 7:30 p.m., Holyoke Rink
 December 15th: Ludlow, Home, 7:30 p.m.
 December 20th: Putnam, Home, 8:00 p.m.
 December 29th: Westfield, Home, 8:15 p.m.
 January 3rd: Cathedral, Away, 8:15 p.m., Coliseum
 January 8th: Minnechaug, Away, 8:15 p.m., Coliseum
 January 11th: Amherst, Away, Amherst Rink
 January 16th: Westfield, Away, 6:45 p.m., Coliseum
 January 23rd: Cathedral, Home
 January 26th: West Springfield, Away, Coliseum
 January 30th: Amherst, Home
 February 6th: Minnechaug, Home
 February 9th: West Springfield, Home
 February 12th: Cathedral, Away, Coliseum
 February 14th: Minnechaug, Away, Coliseum

February 19th: Amherst, Home
 February 21st: Westfield, Home
 February 23rd: West Springfield, Away, Coliseum

SWIMMING Boys & Girls Site - Jr. High Time - 3:30 p.m.

December 11th: Central, Home
 December 14th: Northampton, Away, 7:00 p.m.
 December 21st: East Longmeadow, Home
 January 4th: South Hadley, Away
 January 8th: Cathedral, Away
 January 11th: Minnechaug, Home
 January 15th: Longmeadow, Away
 January 18th: Amherst, Home
 January 22nd: Westfield, Away
 January 25th: Central, Away
 January 29th: Northampton, Home
 February 5th: East Longmeadow, Away
 February 8th: South Hadley, Home
 February 14th-16th: West. Mass. Championship
 February 22nd-23rd: State Championship



FROSH BASKETBALL Site - Jr. High Time - 3:30 p.m.

December 12th: Amherst, Home
 December 14th: Ludlow, Home
 December 18th: Northampton, Away, at high school
 December 21st: East Longmeadow, Home
 December 28th: Amherst, Away, at junior high
 January 4th: Northampton, Home
 January 8th: East Longmeadow, Away, at Birchland Park
 January 11th: Longmeadow, Home
 January 15th: Chicopee Comp, Away, at high school
 January 18th: Cathedral, Away, at high school
 January 22nd: West Springfield, Home
 January 25th: Ludlow, Away, at high school
 January 29th: Minnechaug, Away
 February 1st: Longmeadow, Away, at high school
 February 5th: Chicopee Comp, Home
 February 8th: West Springfield, Away
 February 15th: Minnechaug, Home
 February 19th: Cathedral, Home
 February 21st, Chicopee, Away, at high school



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BOYS' BASKETBALL
 Site - High School
 Time - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

December 12th: Amherst, Away
 December 14th: Ludlow, Away
 December 18th: Northampton, Home
 December 21st: East Longmeadow, Away
 December 28th: Amherst, Home
 January 4th: Putnam, Home
 January 8th: Holyoke, Away
 January 11th: Central, Home, 6:30, 8:00 p.m.
 January 15th: Commerce, Away, 6:00, 7:30 p.m.
 January 18th: Cathedral, Home
 January 22nd: West Springfield, Away
 January 25th: Westfield, Home
 January 29th: Minnechaug, Away
 February 1st: Longmeadow, Home
 February 5th: Chicopee Comp, Away
 February 8th: West Springfield, Home
 February 13th: Westfield, Away
 February 15th: Minnechaug, Home
 February 19th: Longmeadow, Away
 February 21st: Chicopee Comp, Home


SKIING
 Boys & Girls
 Site - Berkshire East
 Time - 4:30 p.m.


January 8th:
 January 10th:
 January 15th:
 January 17th:
 January 24th:
 January 31st:
 February 7th:
 February 14th: Individuals, 10:00 a.m.

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL
 Site - High School

December 12th: West Springfield, Away, 6:00, 7:30 p.m.
 December 14th: Southwick, Home, 6:00, 7:30 p.m.
 December 19th: Chicopee Comp, Away, 6:00, 7:30 p.m.
 December 21st: Chicopee, Home, 6:00, 7:30 p.m.
 December 28th: Chicopee, Away, 3:00, 4:30 p.m.
 January 3rd: West Springfield, Home, 6:00, 7:30 p.m.
 January 9th: Westfield, Away, 6:00, 7:30 p.m.
 January 11th: Holyoke, Home, 3:00, 4:30 p.m.
 January 15th: Chicopee Comp, Home, 6:00, 7:30 p.m.
 January 18th: Cathedral, Away, 3:15, 4:30 p.m.
 January 22nd: Amherst, Home, 3:15, 4:30 p.m.
 January 25th: Central, Away, 3:15, 4:30 p.m.
 January 29th: Northampton, Home, 6:00, 7:30 p.m.
 February 1st: Minnechaug, Away, 3:15, 4:30 p.m.
 February 5th: Longmeadow, Home, 6:00, 7:30 p.m.
 February 8th: Amherst, Away, 3:30, 5:00 p.m.
 February 12th: Central, Home, 3:15, 4:30 p.m.
 February 14th: Northampton, Away, 6:00, 7:30 p.m.
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AHS Soccer Players Honored At Banquet



SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS of the Agawam High girls' varsity soccer team honored at the Annual Banquet. From left - Brie Cosgrove, Sharon Phaneuf, Katie Burns, Joy Clark, Kristin Wing, and Carrie Piccoli. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



HEAD COACH Bill O'Brien (left) and assistant coach Missy Sullivan (right) with the 1990 girls' varsity captains - Sharon Phaneuf, Katie Burns, Joy Clark, and Brie Cosgrove. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Bob Johnson On Sports... Little Pick-Up Game Lost & Goes Up In Smoke(ing)

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

There was a time in my life when I could really fly. As Ken Harrelson used to say, "He could really pick 'em up and put 'em down."

During those days, I would challenge anybody to a sprint. I could beat most people running backwards in a 40-yard dash.

There was a time when I ran cross country, too. The sport cross country, that is. I could run all day and all night and not get tired.

That speed and stamina made me an excellent player in racquetball, baseball, basketball, and anything else that I played. It's been a few years since I've competed, but it used to be that I didn't put any limitations or restrictions on my activity level.

Last Saturday, I went to the high school gymnasium to do a pre-season preview of the basketball team. I arrived a little early, so I challenged one of the young coaches to a one-on-one basketball game.

And I smoked him. I figured I would. We played to 11 and I had him beaten easily with a 7-2 stranglehold on the game. I was blowing by him. I grabbed every rebound, I beat him to my "spot," and nailed my little jumper.

Then, I tired miserably and he won the game easily, 11-8. It was ridiculous. I was holding my side, gasping for breath, out of gas. He blew by me for three straight layups and then put the nail in my coffin with an uncontested foul-line pop.

Why? Because I'm stupid, that's why. That young coach could beat me because I smoke cigarettes. Plain and simple. And just as plain and simple, he won't ever beat me again.

I NO LONGER SMOKE CIGARETTES.

I made the decision yesterday. I made it based on a variety of factors.

I emceed a banquet last Friday night for one of the Agawam High sports teams. It was a long affair and I wanted a cigarette. I looked around and only four or five other people (in a room with 250 folks) were smoking. I pulled it from the pack and didn't light it for almost a half hour. Ultimately, I lit it anyway.

My house and truck smell like smoke. You would never know it by me. Others must tell me. The stuff stinks. I've got to paint some ceilings in my home. I have to stop so my two year-old son doesn't think that it is OK to smoke. "Those are Daddy's cigarettes, right Daddy? Here you go, Daddy, here's your cigarettes." Nope, ain't going to happen like that anymore.

I NO LONGER SMOKE CIGARETTES.

My wife goes to the grocery store and our bill is \$15 higher per week because she has to buy me a carton of cigarettes. Still, toward the end of the week, some variety store gets their lousy two bucks off me for another pack. Ridiculous.

The phone rings at my house and the caller has to wait to talk to me while I search for a "cigarette, match, and ashtray." What the devil is that? I'd say craziness.

I didn't ride in the bus to Greenfield High for the schoolboy football game a few weeks ago because I knew that I would want to smoke on the way. Brilliant.

SEE BOB JOHNSON - Page 62...

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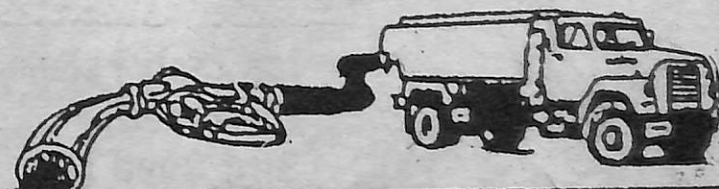
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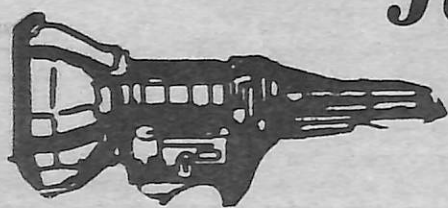
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Seniors Honored At AHS Banquet



AGAWAM HIGH SOCCER PLAYERS Jay Reynolds (center-left) and Bryan Connery, both seniors and captains of the 1990 boys' varsity, are congratulated for a job well done by head coach Dick Cowles (left) and assistant coach Mike LaZazzera at the Annual Soccer Banquet.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS OF THE 1990 Agawam High soccer team. Back row - Chris Thornton, Derek Casinghino, Matt Canata, Eric Sheckler, Brett Boskiewicz. Front row - Anthony Maloni, Todd Hyland, Bryan Connery, John Battista, Jay Reynolds, and Chris Mitchell.

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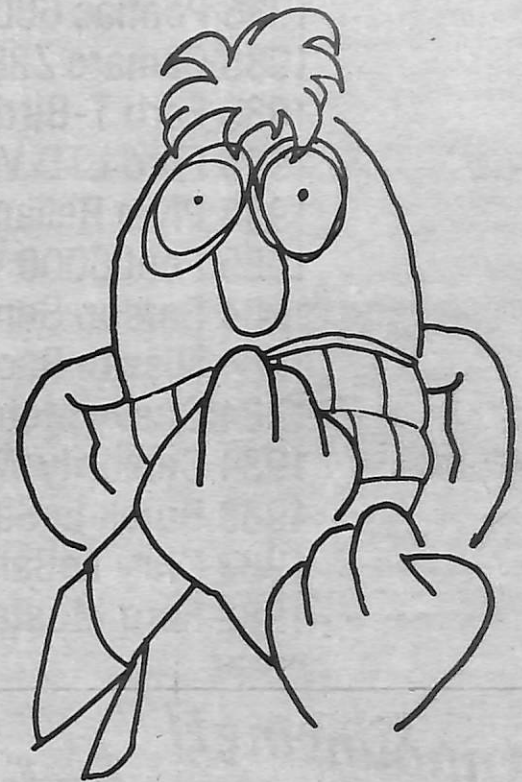
BOB JOHNSON HAS QUIT - from Page 60...

The fact is that I did a lot of excessive and compulsive behavior when I was smoking. I would play an hour-and-a-half of racquetball and come out of there feeling wonderful. I would shower and maybe take a steam or sauna. Then I would go outside and have a cigarette. Add the fact, the score might be tied at 6-6 in the game and then I would get blown out 15-7 or something like that.

It's a stupid habit and people should "mind very much if they smoke." This morning I had three cigarettes left in the pack. I had already told my wife that when they ran out, I was quitting. So what did I do? I smoked all three before I even got out of that bed! What a lunatic.

So there you have it. I have incentive, knowledge, financial savings, and—if I recall—eight extra years of life to think about. This would be one of life's best decisions.

I remember a friend of mine several years back saying something that I'll never forget. A non-smoker, he said, "I wonder if the first guy that ever smoked a cigarette said, 'I think that I am going to light this on fire and stick it in my mouth.'"



The words hit home and I didn't do anything about it.

I NO LONGER SMOKE CIGARETTES.

I feel as if I have made a lot of friends in this community—and I need your support now.

Here's how it will work. If you see me asking for, negotiating for, looking for, or smoking four cigarettes, come right up to me and do anything you can to stop that from happening. I'm serious!

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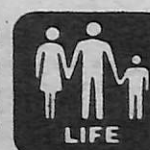
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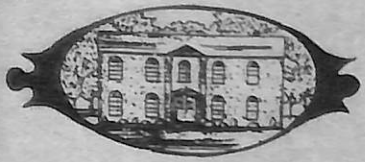


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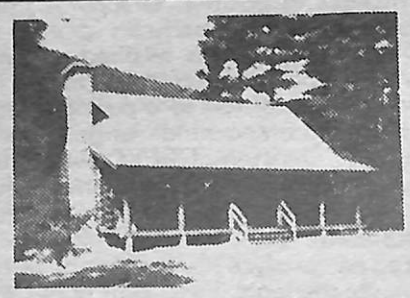
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Sports A La Carte...

Parcells Blew It Vs. Niners; Big Bowl \$\$\$

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

ABC's DAN DIERDORF called it a "no-brainer" and I agree. Giants coach BILL PARCELLS has gotten away with his seat-of-the-pants coaching long enough.

With 3:55 remaining in regulation against the Niners, Parcells had his team perched on the Niner nine yard line. The Giants trailed 7-3 in the contest. NY QB PHIL SIMMS had misfired on three straight passes bringing up fourth down. Any football coach with half a brain would have kicked the field goal and gotten themselves in position to win the game with a field goal in the waning moments (or even seconds).

Instead, the Giants misfired on another play and turned the ball over on downs to San Francisco. They held the Niners, forced a punt and got the ball back with a minute and a half to go. Two short passes to scat back DAVE MEGGETT put them inside the San Francisco 30 yard line. Remember, though, they trailed by four and had to keep trying for the winning touchdown.

You can analyze it all you want, but I can't now, nor then, see the logic. I was on it right away and couldn't believe that the ABC analysts weren't saying anything about it. Dierdorf, a couple of minutes after the play, made his "no-brainer" comment. Give me a headset...

Who is the leading active rebounding leader for his career in college hoop? DALE DAVIS of Clemson, and he is fourth in field goal percentage with a 61 percent from the field. He is a good one and he'll get the whole spotlight this year for the Tigers...

Hey, now WILLIE MCGEE can defend his NL batting crown. The erstwhile free agent went back to the Senior Circuit when he signed with the Giants after finishing last season with the American League's champion, Oakland. One too many curve balls, Willie? Nope, probably one too many zeroes offered by the Bay Area Giants. He's going to have \$13 million to spend in the next four years...

Remember DON NELSON as a Celtics player? Of course you do, right? He played in 1,053 games and not once did he appear in an All-Star Game. Seemed like he might have if he had played with any other club. Nellie could probably care less because he got himself a few championship rings along the way...

Everybody knows that TOM DEMPSEY kicked a 63 yard field goal for New Orleans against Detroit way back in 1970. That's the longest field goal in NFL history. Nobody knows that STEVE COX of the Browns kicked a 60 yarder in 1984 against the Bengals. That's the only other 60 yarder on record. That might get you a cool one the next time you are out on the town...

In seven playoff games in his career, MARCUS ALLEN of the Raiders has rushed for over 100 yards four times. And they have BO JACKSON, too. If the Raiders made the playoffs, they will play in the championship game (and maybe the Super Bowl). Though not coached that well, their talent and attitude could give them as good a shot as anyone to dethrone the Niners...

Going back to that Niner-Giant game, did you get the feeling that neither team wanted to show the other team things that they might try in the playoffs? I sure did, and I have a sneaky suspicion that one of those clubs will not be participating in the Championship game this year. Mark my words...

You may sometimes ask yourself why they call the Rose Bowl the "Grand-daddy of them all." It never seems to be as important as the Orange Bowl, the Sugar Bowl or the Fiesta Bowl in the run for the mythical championship. I'm afraid that once again, the reference here is to the bucks that it generates.

The Fiesta Bowl pays its teams \$2.5 million each for participating; go to the Sugar Bowl and expect a check for \$3.25 million, and the Orange Bowl would net you approximately \$4.2 million per school. The Rose Bowl

pays each of its participating schools \$6,604,359! Mama Mia, and now you know why Penn State wants to get into the Big Ten, eh?...

NATE MCMILLAN of the Seattle SuperSonics took 438 shots from the floor last season and had 598 assists. I like that. He's even more unselfish than the soon-to-be superstar JOHN STOCKTON of the Jazz. Stockton hurled up 918 shots and dished an incredible 1,134 assists in 1989-90...

Remember when JEROME LANE broke that backboard while playing Pittsburgh in the Big East? He might do it again in the NBA - from the free throw line. Last season, the Nugget forward shot 36 percent from the line. He ought to be getting his Mason's license soon...

Gotta give *Inside Sports* magazine's Good Doctor another plug this week. Love this guy. When asked if GEORGE FOREMAN and MIKE TYSON would ever get into the ring together, he replied: "Wouldn't fit."...Heisman Trophy winner TY DETMER led his BYU team to 510 points this season in 12 games. DAVID KLINGLER of Houston was able to engineer 511 points in 11 games...

By the way, MATT YOUNG is not going to be a SKIP LOCKWOOD-type impact player for the Red Sox. Young will be in the rotation, he will take the ball, and I'll bet we like him a lot before he leaves. MR. GORMAN is out there looking to make the ballclub better, and Young won't hurt. He is a little too expensive, but he's a warm body and - after losing BODDICKER - the Red Sox needed something...

I love this guy PAUL PRESSEY of the NBA and would absolutely love to see him play for my favorite team. Former TCU basketball coach JIM KILLINGSWORTH agrees with me. On Pressey: "He's so quick that he can play tennis by himself."...

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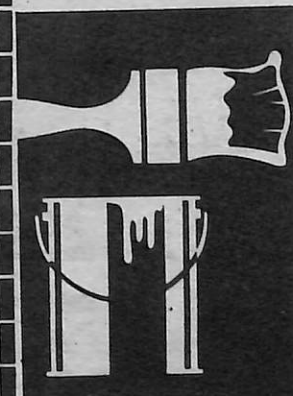
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The game is sponsored by the Western Massachusetts Junior Indians Hockey Club and will benefit youth hockey associations in Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut.

Hartford Whaler Alumni include Gordie and Marty Howe, Doug Roberts, Mike Veisor, Tom Rowe, Garry Swain, Andre Lacroix, Tom Earl, Gord Smith, Bob Crawford, Brent Petersen, Scott McPhail, Dave Hainsworth, Gerry MacDonald, and Mike Corrigan.

Boston Bruin Alumni will be represented by John Bucyk, Brad Park, Terry O'Reilly, Don Marcotte, Fern Flaman, Rick Middleton, Doug Kearns, John McKenzie, Fred Stanfield, Frank Simonetti, and Woody Dumart.

A few surprise guests are also planned. A regulation game will be played consisting of three 15-minute periods and there will be opportunities for autographs and photographs following the game.

Reserved box seats are \$7; all other seats are \$6; groups of 20 or more save \$1. Tickets will be available daily beginning December 7th at the Coliseum Box office from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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BC New Leader In Tri-Parish Bowl

After three weeks of rolling in Round Two in the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League, two old powers are back on top after horrible first rounds.

Boston College (1st place-10 wins), who finished dead last in Round One, and Georgetown (2nd place-9 wins), are the new frontrunners after week three. G-Town was also a cellar-dweller for most of the first round.

BC vaulted into the top dog's spot by dropping 7th place St. Mary (6 wins), three wins to one. BC winners included MISSY BARR (243), KATHY BURLINGHAM (310), and captain JOHN "The Hammer" O'CONNELL (349). "The Hammer," the league's leading roller at 117.24, needed all of his wits about him as he was severely tested by St. Mary's hot captain, JOHN PROVOST (344-108.36 average, tied for second in Men's Open Division). It was a tough match-up between "The Hammer" and Provost.

St. Mary's had just one winner, CAROLINE COELLN (292). St. Mary's JIM "Mac" MCNAMEE fired a 305 in a losing effort to KATHY BURLINGHAM (310), who now sports an average of 100.39, good for second place in the Women's Open Class.

Georgetown is rolling much better and stopped 6th place St. Michael (6 wins), three wins to one. G-Town winners were VENETTA SNYDER (271) and captain DEBBIE POIRIER (319), the top women's roller at 106.28. Debbie, of course, is Venetta Snyder's daughter. Debbie defeated the challenge of new St. Mike's captain (but veteran roller) RENEE JURY (303-95.23). Former St. Mike's captain "Fearless" FRED MORASSI is out for the season due to illness and his friends in the league miss him.

St. Mike's had two winners in this one - TONY "I'm Not A Captain" KOZAK (302) and new regular BILL "Don't Call Me Bob" HOPE (303).

Third place Loyola (8 wins), another one of those also-rans getting off to a good start, continued the woes of Notre Dame (11th place-3 wins). ND got off to a terrible start in Round One despite a very fast finish.

Loyola's only winner was CHRIS BUKOWSKI (301), but it was by 32 pins and that was enough to propel Loyola to the overall team victory. ND winners were lead-off PAT RESCIGNO (270), ANN O'CONNELL (288-285 over STEP STEPANIAN), and captain FRANK "The Tank" MOCCIO, 349-341 over rival STEVE ROVITHIS. Moccio holds an average of 108.36 in the Men's Open Class and Rovithis is not far behind at 107.40. This was a real grudge match.

The two-time grand champions, Fordham, finally stopped foolin' around and blasted St. Louis (8th place-5 wins) in a clean sweep, four wins to none. Fordham is now in 4th place with 7 wins.

Fordham winners were BARBARA HOWARD (296-good night for Barbara; she's at 91.18 in Women's Class AA) and captain OLLIE MULDER (322, who took great delight in beating his brother, none other than St. Lou captain LOU MULDER-314). Both of the brothers roll in the Men's Class AAA. Lou is at 106.21 and Ollie is firing away at 104.24. St. Lou had two winners in this one - lead-off ESTHER DEPALO (246) and PAUL LAGODITZ (287-284 over JOHN MLINEK).

Ninth place Catholic University (five wins) continues to flirt with the first division (then quickly falls back into the cellar). CU defeated St. Anselm (6th place-6 wins), three wins to one. St. A's winners included CHRIS STEPANIAN (276-272 over MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN), substitute ZEKE SICORD (296-subbing for DEBBIE GEORGE, who was off in Hartford watching the Boston Celtics blast the Miami Heat), and captain RICH SNYDER (342-314) over BRIAN OSBORNE, the St. A's captain. Rich rolls in fifth place in Men's Class AAA at 102.23, while Brian is in fourth place at 104.14. The only St. Louis winner was substitute LOU MASSOIA (299-he's averaging 102.2 in the role).

In the final battle of the night, Round One winner Villanova (10th place-four wins) had lost eight straight games over the past two weeks but got back on the winning track by blasting last place Holy Cross (3 wins), four wins to none.

Villanova was obviously overbloomed in reading their headlines in weeks one and two of Round Two, and were falling flat on their faces again. Enter none other than captain "Jungle" JIM BURLINGHAM. "Jungle Jim" launched a huge 350 at dazed, fazed, and grazed HC captain LARRY VIENS, who sputtered at 287. That 63-pin victory carried the Villanova banner to a four-game sweep. "Jungle Jim," who probably was the Round One MVP, is now at 106.33 to lead the Men's Class AAA. Viens fell to 105.15 to lead the Men's Class AA. Viens had been hot lately but was stone cold this night.

The three HC winners included lead-off LISA ALLEN (291), college boy JOHN LONCRINI (305), and TERRY CERPOVICZ (279).

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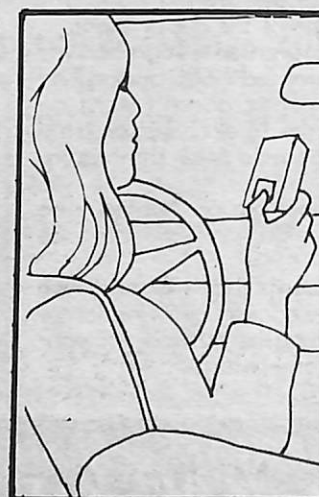


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Sportsmen's Corner

— By Bill Chiba —



Confronted By A Big Cat!!!

Most of the states demand proof that a hunter has passed a Hunters' Safety Course before they will sell a non-resident license to an applicant. A recent episode that happened this past deer season is a good example of the value of the safety course. The safety course consists of more than the rudiments of handling a gun safely. It teaches the young hunter to value the laws on the books and to obey them. For example:

Young **Joseph Bohaker** of Vining Hill Road, Southwick, was hunting with his uncle, **Harold Camry** of Feeding Hills, in Worthington. Joseph's stand was in vicinity of a hunter in a tree stand and his uncle was nestled against a tree further along.

Suddenly a cat, much larger than a bob cat, circled around the hunters in pursuit of a white rabbit. The cat was unable to catch the rabbit and finally stretched out near Joseph. Joe kept a wary eye on the animal and when the cat rose up and walked over in front of him and sat down, looking steadily at him, Joe became very ill at ease. Joe said that the tufted ears and the size of the cat indicated it was a lynx (cousin of the bob cat). The lynx is protected by law and Joe knew this. In fact the animal you can legally shoot during the deer season is a deer.

Finally, the animal wandered off and Joe drew a full breath into his restricted lungs. A wonderful experience and Joe has a beautiful story to tell his grandchildren.

My point is that the gun safety class is needed and the above story, in my view, is proof of the pudding. It not only shows Joe's fine character, but it shows that the course does impress young minds and makes better hunters out of youth.

Are there big bucks in Southwick? You don't have to prove it to **Tommy Liquori, Sr.**, of Agawam. Tom downed a 9 point, 238 pound field dressed buck in that town. It proves that the deer are adapting to the population explosion in the small towns of the Commonwealth in the Western part of the state.

The first fall turkey season in Connecticut showed that 597 permittees harvested 52 birds from 14 northwestern towns.

"According to the results from other states," says Dale May, a Wildlife Research supervisor at the DEP, "fall turkey harvests are typically dominated by young-of-the-year birds. However, Connecticut's harvest was just the opposite."

Seventeen (81 percent) of the 21 males were adults and 18 (58 percent) of the females were adults. Nine of the adult males weighed over 17 pounds; the largest one checked was taken in Colebrook and had a live weight of 22.1 pounds. The DEP feels the disproportionate number of older birds in the harvest indicates that many hunters were being selective.

The five-year deer management plan for Vermont has been published with input from the public. Twenty-four public meetings and 1,729 questionnaires had a definite impact on the decisions of the department.

For example, the department wanted a high harvest of 9,095 bucks and the public wanted 9,680 bucks. The 9,680 bucks is the law. The public doesn't want an antlerless permit issued during the 16 deer season, so a special hunt for females will be held after the regular season.

The public suggested a higher fee on natives who pay \$10 (now) and a higher fee on non-residents who pay \$70 (at present).

I wonder how many non-residents they will get in the future with this recession of the country growing larger every day. There is such a thing as cutting off your nose to spite your face. Only time will tell.

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GIRLS VARISTY FIELD HOCKEY COACH Cindy Grieve (left) is pictured with her 1990 captains at the Annual Banquet. The Brownies just missed qualifying for the Division I Tournament this past fall. Captains are Missy Parentela, Chris Chausse, and Erica Vanderhoof. Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.

Bay West Squirt One Still Undefeated

The Bay West Squirt One Hockey Team, ages 9-11, completed a successful month going undefeated in eight games.

Bay West recorded victories over Nonotuck Valley, Greenfield, Amherst, Springfield Caps, Westfield, and Ludlow, in addition to playing ties against WTM and Tri-City.

Bay West suffered its first loss of the season Saturday, December 1st, 4-3 to Enfield. The team bounced back the next day to defeat Nonotuck Valley 1-0 to run its combined record to 7 wins, 1 loss, and 2 ties over the first 10 games.

Eric Daris has been sharp in the Bay West goal recording two shutouts and has a combined goals against average of 1.90. The defense of Richie Feeley, Ryan Roberts, Stefan Young, and Albert Cavaliero has played well in front of Daris.

The forwards of Adam Delpozzo, Tim Coombs,

Steven Gallant, Dan Hershel, Nick Marsh, Jeff Tisdell, and Mike Yu have provided two well balanced lines which gives Bay West a solid one-two punch.

Bay West has outscored the opposition 37 to 19 in those 10 games.

Adam Delpozzo leads the team in scoring with 15 points (six goals and nine assists). Dan Heshel is the leading goal scorer with nine goals.

One of the highlights so far this young season was a 4-3 victory over Ludlow in a game played at the Springfield Civic Center November 30th before the Springfield Indians-Fredericton Canadians game. Tim Coombs, two goals, including the dramatic game winner with only 33 seconds remaining, lifted Bay West to the victory. Jeff Tisdell and Nick Marsh assisted.

The Bay West Squirt One coaches are Mark Navone and Larry Marsh. The team is sponsored by Rehab Associates and Sports Medicine Center.

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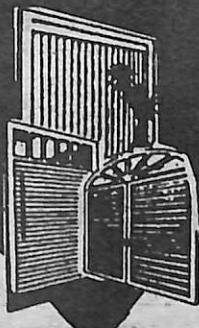
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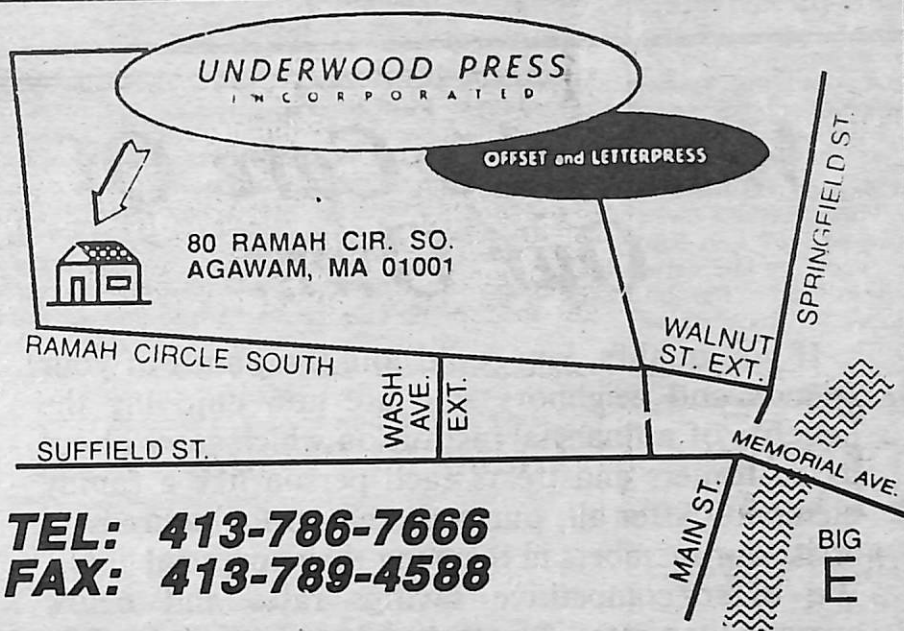
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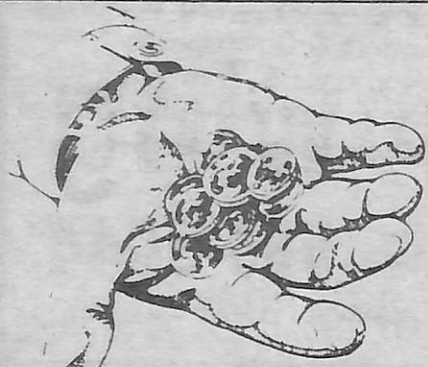
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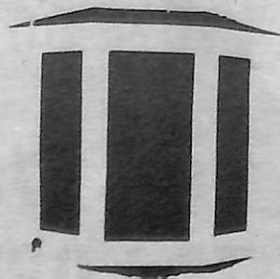
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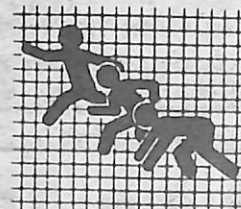
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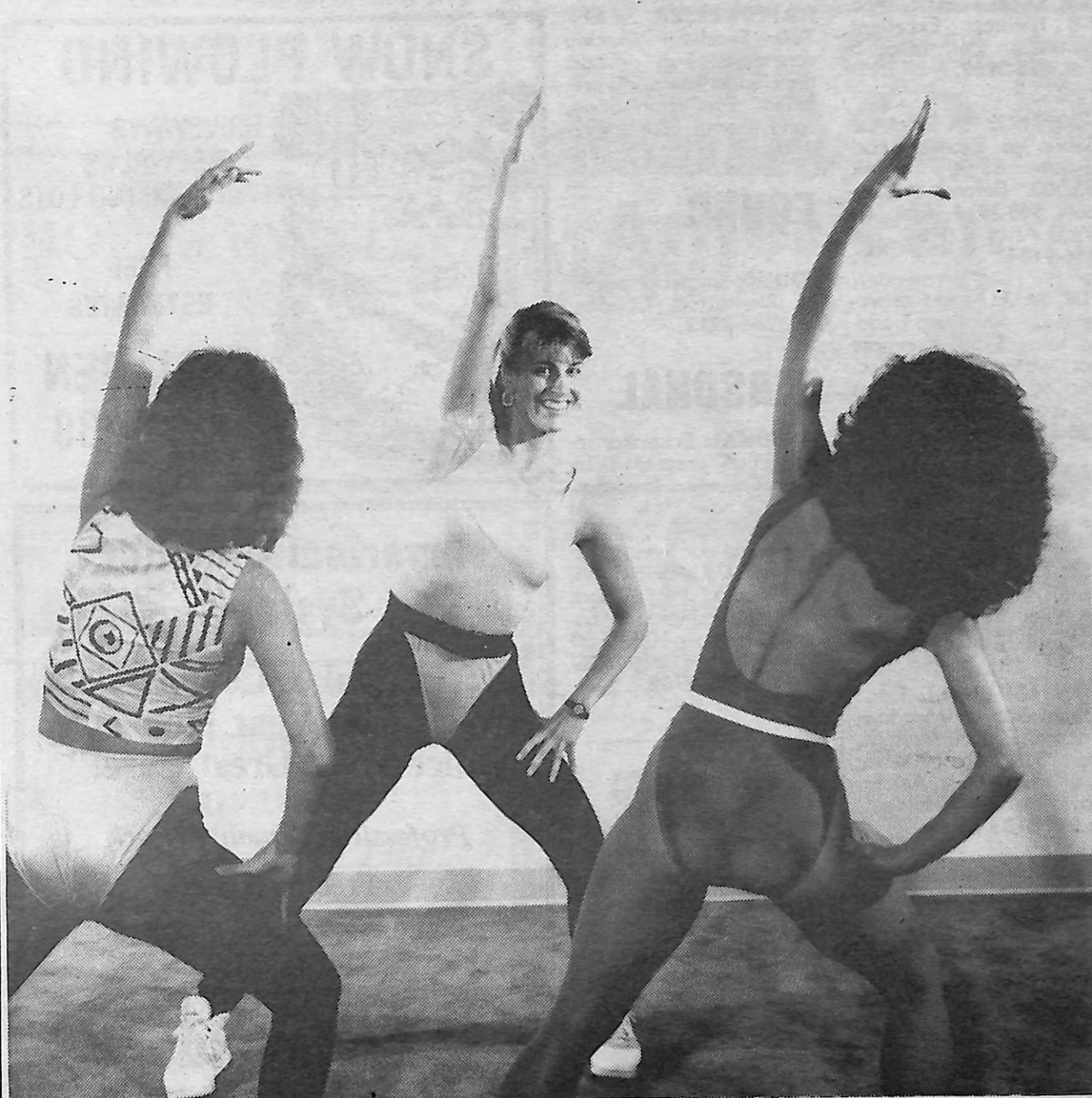
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